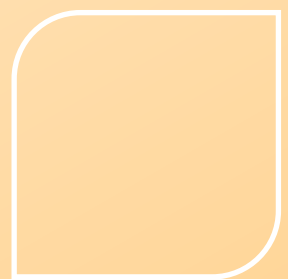




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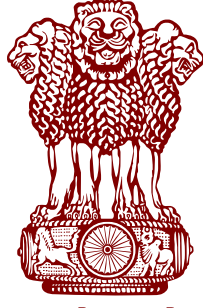
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Background

In order to give focused attention to policy issues and meaningful thrust to the activities aimed at welfare and empowerment of the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), a separate Department of Disability Affairs was carved out of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on May 12, 2012. The Department was renamed as Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on December 8, 2014. The Department acts as a nodal agency for matters pertaining to disability and persons with disabilities including effecting closer coordination among different stakeholders: related Central Ministries, State/UT Governments, NGOs etc. in matters pertaining to disability.

1. Work allocated to the Department

1.1 The work allocated to the Department according to Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules 1961 is placed at Annexure - 1. The Department is primarily entrusted with the task of empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

1.2 Vision: To build an inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth and development of persons with disabilities so that they can lead productive, safe and dignified lives.

1.3 Mission: To empower persons with disabilities through its various Acts/ Institutions/ Organizations and Schemes for rehabilitation and to create an enabling environment that provides such persons with equal opportunities, protection of their rights and enables them to participate as independent and productive members of society.

1.4 Objectives: To realize its vision and achieve the mission, the Department strives for the following major Objectives:

- (i) Physical rehabilitation, which includes early detection and intervention, counseling & medical rehabilitation and assistance in procuring appropriate aids and appliances for reducing the effect of disabilities;
- (ii) Educational rehabilitation including vocational education;
- (iii) Economic rehabilitation and social empowerment;
- (iv) Developing rehabilitation professionals/personnel;
- (v) Improving internal efficiency /responsiveness/ service delivery; and
- (vi) Advocating empowerment of persons with disabilities through awareness generation among different sections of the society.

1.5 Major Commitments of the Department:

- (i) **Sustainable Development Goals:** India is a party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and Sustainable Development Goals. The Department has aligned its national law in line with various provisions of the UNCRPD in its latest law, namely, The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which came into force on April 19, 2017.
- (ii) **Inclusion and Barrier Free Environment:** During the period under review, the Department paid greater focus on creating a barrier free environment for persons with disabilities especially in built environment, transportation system and ICT ecosystem. Towards this end, the Department continued its efforts in providing aids and appliances to the persons with disabilities on the one hand, and in making public buildings, transportation and ICT accessible on the other.
- (iii) **Social Model:** Early identification of disability is crucial for therapeutic intervention to reduce the disability burden. Early detection of at-risk cases and appropriate rehabilitation at early stage of life reduces the severity of disability and would lessen the burden of family and society. Recognizing this fact, the

Department has set up Early Intervention Centres at seven National Institutes and seven Composite Regional Centres. These centres will also help in enhancing school readiness of children with disabilities.

- (iv) **Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities:** In earlier years, the focus of rehabilitation of persons with disabilities was more or less physical disability centric. During the period of the report, the Department reoriented its focus for rehabilitation of all 21 categories of persons with disabilities with special emphasis on rehabilitation of persons with intellectual, developmental and mental disabilities.
- (v) **Shift from disability-centric approach:** The Department has been concerned with increase in the incidence of psycho-social disabilities (mental illness). Besides active treatment, persons with mental illness, most often have rehabilitation needs to reintegrate back into the social mainstream. To address this concern, the Department decided to set up the National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh. The institute aims to work towards capacity building in the field of mental health rehabilitation besides developing community based rehabilitation protocols for mainstreaming persons with mental illness who have been successfully cured. It is being set up on 25 acres of land allotted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh along Bhopal-Sehore highway in Madhya Pradesh. At present, NIMHR is functional from a temporary accommodation provided by the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh at 'Old Zila Panchayat Bhawan', Sehore.
- (vi) **Culture, Recreation, Leisure and Sports Activities:** The Department recognized the need for creating enabling environment for persons with disabilities so as to enable them excel in every walk of life including sports with a view to boost participation of PwDs in sports activities both at National and international level. The Government has decided to set up a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh with world class facilities for both indoor and outdoor games and training facilities for about 300 persons with disabilities.

1.6 Divya Kala Shakti: Persons with Disabilities can excel in every field-be it education, sports, literature, culture provided appropriate opportunity and environment are created with a view to showcase the inner potential of the persons with disabilities.

1.7 Challenges

Bringing an attitudinal change in perception of general public towards Divyangjan remains the biggest challenge of the Department. Awareness generation is therefore key to change the mindset not only of the general public but also of persons with disabilities to increase their self-confidence. There is a greater need for the State Governments and the local bodies to imbibe the culture of accessibility standards at the designing, planning and execution stage for creating barrier free environment for persons with disabilities. Mobilizing matching resources (financial as well as human) to meet the requirements for creating an enabling environment for PwDs also remains a challenge for the States/UTs and the local bodies.

Affirmation

The Department's Annual Report for the year 2021-22 contains progress made in the disability sector through legal frameworks, strengthening institutional infrastructure and programme based support. State Governments, Civil Society Organisations, Divyangjan and other stakeholders have been active partners in this process.

Overview

2.1 According to Census 2011, there are 2.68 crore persons with disabilities in India who constitute 2.21 percent of the total population. Out of the total population of persons with disabilities, approximately 1.50 crore are men and 1.18 crore, are women. These include persons with visual, hearing, speech and loco-motor disabilities, mental illness, mental retardation (intellectual disabilities), multiple disabilities and other disabilities.

2.1.1 Types of Disabilities

While the details of number of persons with disabilities, state-wise, as per Census 2011, have been indicated at Annexure - 3 those of their numbers by type of disability, as per Census 2011 are given below:

Category wise Number of Persons with Disabilities as per Census 2011			
Type of Disability	Persons	Males	Females
In Seeing	50,33,431	26,39,028	23,94,403
In Hearing	50,72,914	26,78,584	23,94,330
In Speech	19,98,692	11,22,987	8,75,705
In Movement	54,36,826	33,70,501	20,66,325
Mental Retardation	15,05,964	8,70,898	6,35,066
Mental Illness	7,22,880	4,15,758	3,07,122
Any Other	49,27,589	27,28,125	21,99,464
Multiple Disability	21,16,698	11,62,712	9,53,986
Total	2,68,14,994	1,49,885,93 (55.89%)	1,18,264,01 (44.11%)

2.1.2 Classification of Persons with Disabilities by Residential Area is as under:

Population of Persons with Disabilities by Residence India, 2011 *			
Residence	Persons	Males	Females
Urban	81, 78,636 (30.51%)	45,78,034	36,00,602
Rural	1,86,31,921 (69.49%)	1,04,08,168	82,23,753
Total	2,68,10,557	1,49,86,202	1,18,24,355

* Source: Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India

"If I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning."

- Mahatma Gandhi

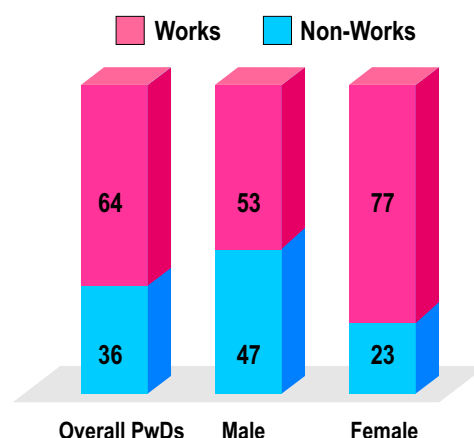
2.1.3 Educational Level of Persons with Disabilities

Educational Level	Persons	Males	Females
Illiterate	1,21,96,641	56,40,240	65,56,401
Literate	1,46,18,353	9,34,835	52,70,000
(i) Literate but below Primary	28,40,345	17,06,441	11,33,904
(ii) Primary but below middle	35,54,858	21,95,933	13,58,925
(iii) Middle but below Matric/ Secondary	24,48,070	16,16,539	8,31,531
(iv) Matric / Secondary but below Graduate	34,48,650	23,30,080	11,18,570
(v) Graduate and above	12,46,857	8,39,702	4,07,155
Total	2,68,14,994	1,49,88,593	1,18,26,401

* Source: Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India

2.2 Working Status of Persons with Disabilities

As per Census, 2011, about 36% of the persons with disabilities are working (male- 47% and female- 23%). Among the workers with disabilities, 31% constitute agricultural laborers. Fifty percent of the PwD population in the age group of 15-59 years is working whereas 4% of children with disabilities in the age group below 14 years are working.



2.3 Registrar General of India has initiated the process for Census, 2021 and they are revising the criteria for capturing the data on all the twenty-one categories of persons with disabilities included in the RPwD Act, 2016 in Census, 2021. The Department has already given its views to the Registrar General of India in this regard.

2.4 Major activities of the Department during the year 2021-22

- (i) Keeping in view the second and third wave of COVID 19 pandemic, DoPT issued circular from time to time exempting the employees with disabilities from roster duty. The latest circular was issued in this regard on 31.01.2022 extending such exemption upto 15.02.2022 or until further order, whichever is earlier.
- (ii) The Department notified the guidelines for assessment of specified disabilities on 04.01.2018. These guidelines were amended on 03.08.2021 with respect to assessment of disability caused due to blood disorder including sickle cell disease. It has now been specified that the process of evaluation shall be reviewed periodically at an interval of three years as against one year stipulated earlier. However, in patients with severe disability with score over 80%, permanent certificate shall be issued subject to proof of survival.

(iii) The Department in consultation with Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and having regard to the nature and type of work exempted following services in Government establishments from the provision of reservation for persons with benchmark disabilities under Section 34 of the RPwD Act, 2016 vide notification dated 18.08.2021:-

- a. All categories of posts under Indian Police Service
- b. All categories of posts under Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli Police Service
- c. All categories of posts under Indian Railway Protection Force Service.

Further, notification was also issued on 18.08.2021 granting exemption to all categories of posts of the combatant personnel of Central Government Armed Police Forces, namely, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Sashastra Seema Bal and Assam Rifles from the purview of reservation for persons with benchmark disabilities under Section 34 of the RPwD Act, 2016 and also under Section 20 of the said Act, which relates to persons acquiring disability during service.

2.7 Budget Allocation and Expenditure

The Budget Estimate for the Department for the financial year 2021-22 was Rs. 1171.77 crore and the Revised Estimate is 1044.31 crore. The Actual expenditure in 2021-22 (as on 31.01.2022) is Rs. 540.81 crore.

Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure (in crore)
2018-2019	1070.00	1070.00	1017.56
2019-2020	1204.90	1100.00	1016.18
2020-2021	1325.39	900.00	861.63
2021-2022	1171.77	1044.31	540.81 (as on 31.01.2022)



Statutory Framework

3.1 Relevant Constitutional Provisions

3.1.1 The Constitution of India through its Preamble, inter-alia seeks to secure to all its citizens; Justice, social, economic and political; Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; Equality of status and of opportunity.

3.1.2 Part-III of the Constitution provides for a set of six Fundamental Rights to all the citizens (and in a few cases to non citizens also). These include - Right to Equality; Right to Freedom; Right against Exploitation; Right to Freedom of Religion; Cultural and Educational Rights and Right to Constitutional Remedies. All these rights are also available to the persons with disabilities even though no specific mention of such persons appears in this Part of the Constitution.

3.1.3 The Directive Principles of State Policy have been incorporated in Part – IV of the Constitution. Even though non-justifiable, these have been declared as fundamental in the governance of the country. These principles are intended to be the imperative basis of State policy. These are in the nature of instructions issued to future legislatures and executives for their guidance. Article 41 refers to cases of disablement as under:

Article 41: Right to work, to education and to public assistance in certain cases states the following:

"The State shall, within the limits of its economic capacity and development, make effective provision for securing the right to work, to education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement and in other cases of undeserved want".

3.1.4 The Eleventh Schedule to Article 243-G and Twelfth Schedule to Article 243- W which pertain to the powers and responsibilities of the panchayats and municipalities, respectively with respect to implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice, include welfare and safeguarding the interests of persons with disabilities among other weaker sections of the society. The relevant extracts of the said schedules are reproduced below:

Eleventh Schedule to Article 243-G: "Social welfare, including welfare of the handicapped and mentally retarded" (**Entry No. 26**).

Twelfth Schedule to Article 243-W: "Safeguarding the interests of weaker sections of society, including the handicapped and mentally retarded" (**Entry No. 09**).

3.2 Legislations Administered by the Department

The Department deals with the following legislations governing different aspects of disability and welfare and empowerment of the persons with disabilities:-

- (i) The Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992,
- (ii) The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999; and
- (iii) The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

3.2.1 The Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992

The Rehabilitation Council of India was set up under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992. The Council regulates and monitors the training of rehabilitation professionals and personnel and promotes research in rehabilitation and special education. In accordance with the above Act, the Council has been entrusted with the following functions:-

- (i) Determining minimum standards of education.
- (ii) Making recommendations to the Department regarding recognition of qualifications, granted by Universities, etc., in India for rehabilitation professionals/ other personnel.
- (iii) Making recommendations to the Department regarding recognition of qualification of Institutes outside India.

- (iv) Conducting inspections in examinations.
- (v) Registering rehabilitation professionals/other personnel, and
- (vi) Determining privileges and professional conduct of registered persons.

3.2.2 The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999. The National Trust is a statutory body set up by an Act of Parliament for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999. The objectives of the National Trust are as follows:

- (i) To enable and empower persons with disabilities to live as independently and as fully as possible within and as close to the community to which they belong;
- (ii) To strengthen facilities to provide support to persons with disabilities to live within their own families;
- (iii) To extend support to registered organizations to provide need based services during period of crisis in the family of persons with disabilities;
- (iv) To deal with problems of persons with disabilities who do not have family support;
- (v) To promote measures for the care and protection of persons with disabilities in the event of death of their parent or guardian;
- (vi) To evolve procedures for the appointment of guardians and trustees for persons with disabilities requiring such protection;
- (vii) To facilitate the realization of equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation of persons with disabilities; and
- (viii) To do any other act this is incidental to the aforesaid objects.

3.2.3 The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) The Government enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 as passed by the Parliament in December, 2016.

3.2.3.1 The Act has been brought into force from April 19, 2017. The Act identifies various specified disabilities broadly classified into five categories as under:

- (i) Physical Disability:
 - Locomotors Disability including: Leprosy cured person, Cerebral Palsy, Dwarfism, Muscular Dystrophy, Acid attack victims.
 - Visual Impairment (only Blindness and Low Vision)
 - Hearing Impairment (only Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
 - Speech and Language Disability
- (ii) Intellectual Disability including: Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder
- (iii) Mental Behavior (Mental Illness)
- (iv) Disability caused due to:
- (v) Chronic Neurological Conditions such as Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis.
- (vi) Blood Disorder such as Hemophilia, Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Disease.
- (iv) Multiple Disabilities

3.2.3.2 With a view to ensuring the implementation of the Act, the Government has taken the following measures:

- (i) It notified Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules on June 15, 2017. These Rules provide for accessibility standards for built environment, passenger bus transport and for websites, besides specifying the procedure for applying and grant of certificate of disability, manner of publication of equal opportunity policy, manner of utilization and management of National Fund, etc;

- (ii) It notified the Guidelines for Assessment of Extent of Specified Disability in a person on January 04, 2018. These guidelines provide a detailed procedure of assessment as well as the composition of the medical authority competent to issue certificates of disability for various categories of disabilities;
- (iii) The Department of Personnel & Training has issued circular on January 15, 2018 to all the Ministries & Departments specifying 4% reservation for persons with benchmark disabilities in Government jobs in terms of the provision of Section 34 of the RPwD Act, 2016;
- (iv) The Department has notified the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules on March 08, 2019 specifying the manner of assessment of persons with benchmark disabilities seeking high support needs by an Assessment Board and also the composition of such Boards;
- (v) The States have been advised from time to time to frame rules in terms of Section 101 of the Act. As on December 31, 2021, 32 States/UTs have notified the rules under the said Act.

The Department has constituted the Central Advisory Board on Disability vide notification dated November 08, 2017. The Central Advisory Board has met four times so far.

3.2.3.3 New Initiatives of the Department:

I. University of Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Sciences

- (i) In the year 2015-16, the then Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech announced upgradation of National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, into a National University of Rehabilitation and Disability Studies. Accordingly, the Department initially moved a proposal for upgrading the NISH into a University. However, on reconsideration, the location of the proposed University has been changed from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala to Kamrup District, Assam (60 km from Guwahati) as a green-field project since it was not entirely technically feasible to up-grade NISH, a state-level institution that too engaged in a single area of disability, viz., hearing disability, into a national level University to cater to various disciplines covering the entire gamut of disability studies and rehabilitation sciences. The State Government of Assam has committed allotting 50 acres of land, free of cost.
- (ii) Department has now decided to set up a University of Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Sciences at Kamrup District, Assam through an Act of Parliament. As suggested by Department of Expenditure, Department of Empowerment of Person with Disabilities has engaged Education Consultant India Ltd. (EDCIL) to prepare site specific detailed project report for setting up of the university.



Visit of Smt. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary to Govt. of India, DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 23rd December, 2021

The National Policy - 2006, UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006 and Incheon Strategy "To make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and Pacific

4.1 National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, 2006

Persons with disabilities constitute a valuable human resource for the country and a majority of such persons can lead a better quality of life if they have equal opportunities and effective access to rehabilitation measures. In this regard, the Government formulated and brought out the National Policy for Persons with Disabilities on February 10, 2006 with a view to create an environment that provides such persons equal opportunities for protection of their rights and full participation in society.

4.1.1 With a focus on prevention of disabilities and rehabilitation measures, the National Policy provides for the following:

- (i) Prevention of disabilities
- (ii) Rehabilitation measures
 - (a) Physical Rehabilitation Strategies:
 - Early Detection and Intervention
 - Counseling & Medical Rehabilitation
 - Assistive Devices
 - Development of Rehabilitation Professionals
 - (b) Education for Persons with Disabilities
 - (c) Economic Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities:
 - Employment in Government Establishments
 - Wage employment in Private Sector
 - Self-employment
- (iii) Provisions for Women with Disabilities
- (iv) Provisions for Children with Disabilities
- (v) Barrier-free Environment
- (vi) Issue of Disability Certificates
- (vii) Social Security
- (viii) Promotion of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- (ix) Collection of regular information on Persons with Disabilities
- (x) Research
- (xi) Sports, Recreation and Cultural life
- (xii) Amendments to existing Acts dealing with the Persons with Disabilities.

Accordingly, the principal areas of intervention under the Policy are: Prevention, Early-detection and Intervention; Programmes of Rehabilitation; Human Resource Development; Education of Persons with Disabilities; Employment; Barrier free-environment; Social Protection; Research; Sports, Recreation and Cultural Activities.

4.1.2 The following mechanism is in place for the implementation of the National Policy:

- (i) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social

Justice & Empowerment is the nodal Department to coordinate all matters relating to implementation of the Policy.

- (ii) The Central Advisory Board on Disability, with stakeholder representation, coordinates matters relating to implementation of the National Policy. There is a similar Board at the State level.
- (iii) The Ministries of Home Affairs; Health & Family Welfare; Rural Development; Housing and Urban Affairs; Youth Affairs & Sports; Railways; Science & Technology; Statistics & Programme Implementation; Labour; Panchayati Raj and Women & Child Development; Education; Road Transport & Highways; Public Enterprises; Revenue; Information Technology and Personnel & Training are also identified for implementation of the policy.
- (iv) Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies are associated in the functioning of the District Disability Rehabilitation Centers. They are required to play a crucial role in the implementation of the National Policy to address local level issues.
- (v) The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at Central level and State Commissioners at the State level, play key role in implementation of the National Policy, apart from their respective statutory responsibilities.

4.1.3 The Department has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD to review the above policy and suggest a new policy document taking into account the provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016, UNCRPD and global best practices in managing disability. A task force under the main committee has been constituted to suggest a draft new National Policy. The task force has recommended a draft National Policy which was considered by the committee in the meeting held on 25th October 2021. The members have submitted their suggestion on the Draft Policy and the Draft Policy is being considered by main committee.

4.2 United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)

13th Annual Conference of State Parties to United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) held on 30th November & 1-2 December, 2020 at UN Head Quarters, New York. On behalf of our Department, Permanent Mission of India at New York delivered a Statement highlighting the initiatives taken by the Government for empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities and status of implementation of the UN Convention. India is one of the few first countries which ratified the Convention. Consequent upon India signing the Convention on March 30, 2007 and its subsequent ratification, it has come into force in the country w.e.f. May 3, 2008. The Convention places the following three important obligations on each State Party:

- (i) Implementation of the provisions of the Convention,
- (ii) Harmonization of the country laws with the Convention, and
- (iii) Preparation of a Country Report.

4.2.1 The Government submitted its First Country Report in November 2015 which was considered by the UN Committee on Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities on September 02-03, 2019 at UNHRC headquarters at Geneva. A delegation led by Secretary, DEPwD deposed before the UN Committee clarifying the issues raised by the Committee members relating to the implementation of the UN principles in protecting the rights of persons with disabilities through the RPwD Act, 2016 and scheme and programme of the Government.

4.3 Incheon Strategy 6th Session of the Working Group on the Asia Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-22 was held during 24-25 September, 2020 in virtual mode. India is the member of this Working Group. Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD attended the Session and delivered the progress of the Country. He also made a presentation on the Mental Health rehabilitation Helpline started by the department in September 2020.

4.3 Major Initiatives of the Department at International Level:

- (i) The Department in association with the University of Melbourne, Australia organised an International Conference entitled 'Mental Health - looking beyond COVID 19' on the 8th October 2020 through Video Conference. The Conference was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment and co-chaired by Prof. Craig Jeffrey, Director, Australia India Institute. The Conference provided a platform for sharing the best practices in the two countries to address Mental Health concerns, particularly, arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (ii) Cooperation with Government of Chile: A Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed with Government of Chile on cooperation in disability sector on 01.04.2019. A draft MoU spelling out the comprehensive areas of cooperation between the two countries has subsequently been developed and shared with Government of Chile. The draft MoU is being finalized in consultation with Embassy of Chile, New Delhi.

Statutory Bodies under the Department

5.1 Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), constituted under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992, regulates and monitors the training programmes for professionals and personnel in the field of rehabilitation and special education, promotes research in rehabilitation and special education and maintains the Central Rehabilitation Register. The Act was amended by Parliament in 2000 (No.38 of 2000) to make it broader based.

- (i) 719 institutes and 14 State Open Universities are approved to run RCI approved courses from Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors, Masters and M.Phil. and Psy.D. Level.
- (ii) 4908 professionals and 9195 personnel were registered in the Central Rehabilitation Register (CRR) and the cumulative total in the CRR has reached 1,75,711 as on 31st December 2021.

5.1.1 Major Activities of the Council (2021-22)

I. Distance Education Cell:

- (a) **Enrolment Status:** A total of 2537 candidates have been enrolled in B.Ed. Special Education Open & Distance Learning Mode Course during the Academic session 2020-21 at 08 State Open Universities namely; TNOU, Chennai ; UPRTOU, Prayagraj; YCMOU, Nashik; NSOU, Kolkata; BAOU, Ahmedabad; MPBOU, Bhopal; UoU, Haldwani; BRAOU, Hyderabad.
- (b) **Revision of B.Ed. Spl.Ed. - ODL Norms, 2015:** The Council has constituted an expert committee for revision of existing B.Ed. Spl.Ed.-ODL norms, 2015 to make it at par with UGC -ODL/ Online Regulations, 2020. Three meetings of the expert committee were conducted on 16th Dec., 2020, 14th June, 2021 and 12th October, 2021 respectively through virtual mode under the Chairpersonship of Prof. O.P.S Negi, Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani. During the meeting, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI and other expert members were also present. The final norms of B.Ed.Spl.Ed.-ODL, 2021 have been prepared. The same will be circulated to all the State Open Universities for implementation from the current academic session 2022-23.
- (c) **Launch of M.Ed. Spl. Ed (HI & ID) through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode at NSOU, Kolkata:** The Council has granted permission to NSOU, Kolkata to conduct M.Ed. Spl. Ed (HI & ID) Programme through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode at NSOU, Kolkata for the current academic session 2021-22.

II. In-Service training & Sensitization programme:

- (a) **Third Party Evaluation:** Physical & financial data of last 04 years in r/o conduct of In-service Training & sensitization programme comprising GIA Sanctioned, Implementing agencies, target group, Batches sanctioned and conducted, details of approx. 12,910 beneficiaries along with their details like department, gender, contact details, contact number etc. submitted to DEPwD for Third Party Evaluation. NIELRD, New Delhi has submitted the third party evaluation report in r/o said scheme in January, 2021.
- (b) **Release of revised Training Modules for “In-Service Training and Sensitization Programme:** Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon’ble Minister , Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India has released the 05 revised training modules of In-service training modules developed by the Council in Hindi & English on 9th November, 2021 at India International Centre, New Delhi . During the programme, Ms. Anjali Bhawara, IAS, Secretary, DEPwD & Chairperson, RCI, Smt. Tarika Roy, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI; Dr. Uma Tuli, Padma Shree, Former CCPD, Govt. of India, Sh. Mukesh Gupta, Chief Coordinator, ZCC ,Northern Zone other dignitaries along with 110

Heads of the RCI approved Training institutes attended the programme.

III. Community Based Inclusive Development:

- (a) The Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Social Service, Government of Australia on 22 November, 2018 to incorporate the joint development of disability training programmes in India. On behalf of DEPwD, the Council has taken an initiative to develop a CBID programme in collaboration with University of Melbourne, Australia to develop human resource in disability sector.
- (b) After having a series of meetings in the last 02 years, RCI has developed country's first Competency Based 06 months CBID training programme with the technical expertise of Indian and Australian experts with an objective to prepare the learners to develop the required competencies to provide rehabilitation and referral services to the Divyangjan to rehabilitate them within their community and to make inclusive environment.
- (c) Accordingly, the Council has developed Programme Overview, Course Curriculum, Facilitator Guide Phase-I, Facilitator Guide Phase-II, Facilitator Guide Phase-III, Explanatory Notes for Trainers in Hindi & English and the translation is complete in regional languages i.e. Tamil, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati and Bengali. The above said material has been uploaded on the Council's website as an Open Education Resource in Hindi and English Language for easy access by all the stakeholders.
- (d) Meeting of expert group to finalize the documents in r/o CBID Programme was held on 11th Jan., 2021. The meeting was attended by Prof. Nathan Grill and Prof. Lindsey Gale, Prof. Sujata Bhan, Dr. Varsha Ghatoo & Shri Sandeep Thakur, RCI during the meeting, it was decided to compile all the documents and submit the final draft of CBID documents to RCI.
- (e) Meeting of core group to apprise the Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, RCI about the development of CBID programme and to decide strategic plan of action to rollout the CBID programme was held on 28 Jan., 2021 under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary, DEPwD & Chairperson, RCI. During the meeting, all the documents namely, course curriculum & overview, facilitator guide phase -I, II & III, explanatory notes for trainers, programme guide and reference materials, plan of action to rollout the programme were approved and it was decided to rollout the programme by the end of February, 2021.
- (f) Meeting of officers of DEPwD, RCI & University of Melbourne, Australia was held on 7th May, 2021 through virtual mode under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Anjali Bhawra, IAS, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, RCI to review the status of implementation of various provisions of the MoU signed between Govt. of India & Govt. of Australia. During the meeting plan of action was finalized to rollout the programme by August, 2021.
- (g) Meeting of Expert Members was held on 10th May, 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI to review the status of translation of all CBID documents into Regional Languages. Timelines for submission of translated version of CBID documents were finalized.
- (h) Meeting of Expert Members and Directors, NIs was held on 12th May, 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Anjali Bhawra, IAS, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, RCI to finalize the modalities like development of e-content for the said programme, Web application to be used/ utilized, concurrent evaluation of programme, Development of proforma to rollout the CBID programme.
- (i) The training material was virtually released by Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India on 19th May, 2021. Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of

India, Smt. Anjali Bhawra, IAS, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, RCI, His Excellency, Hon Barry O'Farrell, High Commissioner of Australia at New Delhi, His Excellency, Shri Manpreet Vohra, High Commissioner of India to Australia at Canberra, Prof. Duncan Maskell, Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne, Dr. (Prof.) Nathan Grills, University of Melbourne, Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, Shri K.V.S Rao, Director, DEPwD, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI, Director's of National Institute(s) of DEPwD, General Council, Members of RCI, experts involved in CBID and other dignitaries were also present to grace the occasion.

- (j) Meeting with Directors, NIs was held on 19th May, 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Anjali Bhawra, IAS, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, RCI to review the preparedness of NIs to conduct the CBID programme at their respective National Institutes.
- (k) Meeting with Expert Members and Directors, NIs was held on 24th May, 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI to finalize the advertisement and performa for joint certification of the CBID programme. After In-depth deliberation both the documents were finalized as per the inputs given by expert members.
- (l) Meeting with Expert Members and Directors, NIs was held on 1st June, 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI to finalize the admission notification and expenditure to conduct the CBID programme.
- (m) Meeting of Expert Members was held on 3rd June, 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI to finalize the list of experts for translation of CBID documents in Telegu and Odia language.
- (n) A meeting of Officers of MSJ&E, DEPwD and RCI was held on 7th June, 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India to finalize the draft admission notification (Hindi & English), tentative head wise expenditure to be incurred by training institutes to conduct the CBID programme and stipend to students to promote the 1st two batches of CBID programme. During the meeting, it was decided that the DEPwD will explore the possibilities to extend grant- in- aid under national fund to promote 1st two batches.
- (o) The Council has constituted screening committee chaired by Padmashree Smt. Uma Tuli, Former, CCPD, Govt. of India to screen all the 52 proposals received from national institutes/eminent NGO's to conduct the CBID programme. The meeting of the screening committee was held from 21-24 June, 2021 through virtual mode. Recommendations of the screening committee alongwith the marks awarded to each organizations alongwith parameters for selection submitted to Chairperson, RCI for approval. Based on the recommendations of the screening committee 16 training institute has been selected to conduct the 1st two batches of the programme with the financial assistance of Rs. 8 Lakhs per batch and stipend to PwDs candidates Rs. 700/-per month and General candidates Rs. 500/- per month. Approval order alongwith Terms & Conditions have also been issued to all concerned training institute.
- (p) Meeting of the CBID training programme with Director, DEPwD to finalize the admission guidelines for selection of candidates, training of Master Trainers, pre - launch workshop to assess the preparedness of training institute to conduct the CBID training programme was held on 6th July,2021 at RCI. During the said meeting timelines for various activities such as meeting of GB of National Fund, DEPwD , Finalization of Terms and Conditions for training institute, issuance of approval to the training institute to run the CBID training programme, release of admission notification, provisional selection of candidates, commencement of classes etc. were finalized.

- (q) DEPwD has conveyed the approval for release of GIA of Rs. 3,02,08,000/- to Rehabilitation Council of India towards support for conducting CBID programme through 16 organisations @ Rs 20,000/- per student per batch and stipend to students with disabilities @ Rs 700 and Rs 500/- to students without disabilities per month for the entire duration of 6 months, as per the decision taken during the 5th meeting of Governing Body of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held on 14th July,2021.
- (r) The Council vide its notification dated 26th July,2021 has invited the applications from the eligible and interested candidates to undergo the 1st batch of CBID Training Programme from across the Country at 16 RCI approved training institutes.
- (s) Meeting of the expert committee to finalize the contents for 06 days duration Training of Trainers (TOT) programme to prepare Master Trainers for CBID training programme held on 23rd July, 2021, through virtual mode at Conference Room, RCI. During the meeting schedule alongwith contents for training of Master Trainers Programme was finalized.
- (t) 06 days Training of Trainers (ToT) programme was conducted from 16-23 August, 2021 through virtual mode in collaboration with University of Melbourne, Australia to prepare trainers to conduct CBID training programme at their training institute. A total of 12 Master Trainers including Indian & Australian experts were engaged in the programme to deliver lectures on various identified topics of CBID training programme. A total of 40 participants from all the 16 approved training institutes were successfully trained in curriculum transaction of the programme.
- (u) The enrolment number to the presently enrolled 427 student trainees will be allotted by NBER and the examination will be conducted as per the scheme of examination decided.
- (v) Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister , Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India virtually inaugurated the 1st batch of the CBID training programme and have interacted with the Heads of the approved Training Institutes, faculty members and students on 30/10/2021 .



Virtual inauguration of the first Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) course of the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi (RCI) in collaboration with the University of Melbourne, Australia was done by Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE) Dr. Virendra Kumar on 30th October, 2021.

- (w) As per the admission notification issued by the Council, all the Training institutes have completed the admission process for 1st batch of CBID training programme and commenced the classes from 16th September,2021 onwards. Training institute wise status of enrolment in 1st batch of CBID training programme is as under:

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Sl. No.	Training Institute(s)	Approved Intake	Total no. of candidates enrolled in the 1st batch	No. of General /OBC/SC/ST/EWS Candidates	No. of PwD candidates
1.	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai	40	27	19	08
2.	National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai	40	17	16	01
3.	National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Secunderabad, Telangana	40	39	38	01
4.	Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack, Odisha	40	37	37	00
5.	National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun, Uttarakhand	40	06	06	00
6.	National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan), B T Road, Bonhooghly	40	19	17	02
7.	Composite Regional for Skill Development, Centre Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Mandi, Himachal Pradesh	40	22	21	01
8.	State Institute for Rehabilitation, Training & Research (SIRTAR), Rohtak	40	29	29	00
9.	Aakasaha Lions Institute of Learning & Empowerment, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	40	17	15	02
10.	Blind Peoples Association, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	40	30	27	03
11.	Bethany Society, Shillong, Meghalaya	40	33	29	04
12.	CBM Bengaluru	40	30	19	11
13.	Holy Cross Service Society, Trichy, Tamilnadu, Trichy	40	28	25	03
14.	Herbertpur Christian Hospital, Herbertpur, Uttarakhand	40	29	27	02
15.	SNEH -Institute for Learning & Empowerment, Nagda, Madhya Pradesh	40	35	35	00
16.	Shishu Sarothi, Guwahati, Assam	40	29	28	01
Total Number of Enrolled Students		640	427	388	39

- (x) Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister , Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India also had a meeting with Officials of Australian Govt and Secretary, DEPwD & Chairperson, RCI and Member Secretary, RCI to discuss the further course of action for concurrent evaluation and impact study of the programme on 17/11/2021 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

IV. National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation (NBER):

(a) Annual Academic Activity Calendar for the academic session 2020-21: In order to maintain the uniformity in the academic and examinations related activities of all the Certificate and Diploma Level Courses, NBER has developed the Annual Academic Activity Calendar for all certificate and diploma level courses in consultation with Directors of National Institutes i.e. AYJNISHD, Mumbai, NIEPMD, Chennai, NIEPVD, Dehradun, ISLRTC, New Delhi. The Council vide its Circular no. 25-15/NBER(AIOAT)/RCI/2016 dated 13th March, 2021 has uploaded the same on Council's website for implementation from the current academic session 2020-21.

(b) Admission to Certificate & Diploma Level Courses For the Academic Session 2021-22 through Centralized Online Admission Process: Online Applications was invited from the eligible candidates for admission to D.Ed. Spl.Ed(IDD) D.Ed. Spl.Ed(HI) D.Ed. Spl.Ed(VI) D.Ed. Spl.Ed(MD) D.Ed. Spl.Ed(CP) D.Ed. Spl.Ed(Db) DISLI, DTISL Courses for the Academic Session 2021-22 through Centralized Online Admission Process- 2021. National List of Eligible candidates was uploaded on the Council's website vide NBER's circular dated 30th Nov., 2021. A total of 9921 seats have been filled.

(c) Direct Admission to Certificate & Diploma Level Courses For the Academic Session 2021-22: NBER, RCI vide its Circular no. 5-20/NBER (Admission)/RCI/2016 dated 27th August, 2021 has issued the admission guidelines for direct admission to C.C.C.G., C.C.R.T., D.C.B.R., D.P.O., DRT, D.H.A.R.E.M.T, DHLS, DECSE(HI), DECSE(ID), DVR(ID), DCE(VI) course(s) for the academic session 2021-22. A total of 521 seats have been filled.

V. Interactive Session with Heads of RCI approved Institution:

The Council has conducted Interactive Session on 29th September, 2021 through video conference under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI to discuss various matters pertaining to recognition of Training Programmes, Registration under CRR, CRE and admissions to diploma level courses through Centralized Online Admission Process for the academic session 2021-22. Session was attended by 480 participants including Heads of the RCI approved Training Institutes, Course Coordinator(s), Faculty Member(s) and RCI officials. All the Heads of the training institutes has appreciated the reforms made by the Council to expedite various matters like assessment, CRE, CRR etc.

VI. Release of information booklet of RCI:

Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment released Information booklet of RCI on 9th November, 2021 at IIC, New Delhi.

VII. Workshop of NEP National Policy on Education and its impact and implications on RCI's approved Human Resource Programme(s) in Disability Sector: The Council has conducted workshop of NEP National Policy on Education and its impact and implications on RCI's approved Human Resource Programme(s) in Disability Sector on 1st February, 2021 under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary, DEPwD & Chairperson, RCI. The meeting was attended by eminent experts across the country. A plan of action was devised to implement the recommendations of the committee.

5.1.2 Experts Committee Meetings:

- (i)** Expert Committee meeting for development of curriculum in Physical Disability (VI, LV) was held on 01 March, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the chairpersonship of Prof. (retd) S.R.Mittal to review syllabus of D.Ed.Spl.Ed.(VI) and to find out as to what addition, deletion, modification this syllabus requires to make it comprehensive enough to meet the educational needs of children with low vision in theory component as well as practical as per the provisions of RPWD Act (2016) and NEP (2020)
- (ii)** A meeting was held on 1st March 2021 with Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) through Video Conference regarding initiation of process for signing of a MoU between RCI and NCTE for recognition of TEIs for special teacher training courses as per the mandate of NEP 2020. Regulations for TEIs imparting special teacher training courses to be framed in consultation between both the organizations.
- (iii)** An Expert Committee for development of curriculum in Physical Disability (HI & Speech Disorders) was held on 04 March, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the chairpersonship of Dr.Varsha Gathoo to review syllabus of D.Ed.Spl.Ed.(HI) and to find out as to what addition, deletion, modification this syllabus requires to make it comprehensive enough to meet the educational needs of children with low vision in theory component as well as practical as per the provisions of RPWD Act (2016) and NEP (2020).
- (iv)** An Expert Committee for development of curriculum in Developmental Disabilities (ID, ASD, LD) was held 08 March, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the chairpersonship of Dr.Jayanthi Narayan to review syllabus of D.Ed.Spl.Ed.(ID) and to find out as to what addition, deletion, modification this syllabus requires to make it comprehensive enough to meet the educational needs of children with low vision in theory component as well as practical as per the provisions of RPWD Act (2016) and NEP (2020). Course structures to be changed as three disabilities are to be included.
- (v)** The meeting of senior Rehabilitation Experts from different parts of the country was convened on May 20, 2021 through Video Conferencing Mode at RCI to deliberate and recommend on the following agenda points.
 - i. Petition filed by Dr.Angela Ann Joseph to consider her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from AIIMS for registration as Clinical Psychologist in CRR of RCI
 - ii. Ph.D. degree in Clinical Psychology conferred at AIIMS, New Delhi to be included in Schedule of RCI
 - iii. Approval for starting the Post Master Diploma in Learning Disability (PMDLD)
- (vi)** A Meeting of Expert Committee to review the status of development of new training programs in Special Education at Diploma / Degree / Master level after convergence was held on 27 May, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the Chairpersonship of Prof. (retd) S.R.Mittal.
- (vii)** Minutes of Meeting of Expert Committee to review the status of development of curriculum for D.Ed and B.Ed in Developmental Disabilities (ID, ASD, LD) was held on 01 June, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the chairpersonship of Dr.Jayanthi Narayan.
- (viii)** A Meeting of Expert Committee for development of core papers in special education courses at D.Ed., B.Ed., and M.Ed. level was held on 04 June, 2021

through Video Conference under the Chairpersonship of Prof. (retd) S.R.Mittal. The core papers of the special education courses at D.Ed., B.Ed., and M.Ed. level were decided and the core papers were distributed amongst the members for its development.

- (ix)** A Meeting of Expert Committee for finalisation of D.Ed. special education courses in various disability specializations after convergence was held on 07 July, 2021 through Video Conference under the Chairpersonship of Prof. (retd) S.R.Mittal. Nomenclature for the new three diplomas were decided as D.Ed.SPl.Ed.(VI), D.Ed.SPl.Ed.(HI), D.Ed.SPl.Ed.(IDD) and Intake capacity was increased to 35 per batch.
- (x)** A Meeting of the Expert Committee regarding revision of minutes of meeting held on 8th September, 2020 on inclusion of A & B Level contents of Indian Sign Language in D.Ed. (HI), B.Ed. (HI) & M.Ed. (HI) Syllabus of RCI held on 20 July, 2021 through Video Conferencing in presence of Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI. The suggestions given by the members as mentioned in the revised minutes were accepted that were under the purview of the Council
- (xi)** A meeting for finalisation of D.Ed. Special Education (MD) courses in various disability specializations after convergence held on 6th August, 2021 through video conferencing under the chairpersonship of Prof. (retd) S.R.Mittal and decided that all the three syllabi of D.Ed. Special Education HI, VI, IDD to be circulated by RCI for reference to all the experts for the development of the program in multiple disabilities.
- (xii)** A Meeting of Expert Committee for finalisation of D.Ed. Special Education (MD) course in various disability specializations after convergence held on 10 August, 2021 through Video Conferencing.
- (xiii)** A Core Committee meeting on programs in Audiology and Speech-language Pathology held on September 03, 2021 in virtual mode was convened under the chairpersonship of Prof. M.Jayaram to deliberate and recommend on the following issues:
 - i. Institution of Masters program in 'Deglutology and Swallowing Disorders'
 - ii. Issue relating to implementation of NEP at Bangalore University
 - iii. Implementation of New Education Policy 2020 in the field of speech and hearing
 - iv. Other issues relevant to the field of Audiology and Speech-language Pathology
- (xiv)** A Meeting of Expert Committee for finalisation of D.Ed. Special Education (MD) course in various disability specializations after convergence was held on 8 September, 2021 and 9 September, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the chairpersonship of Prof. S.R. Mittal, Chairperson of the Core-committee and Smt. L.V. Jayashree of the committee to present the 07 specialization courses prepared by the Sub-Committee of MD.
- (xv)** A Meeting of Expert to discuss various aspects of implementation of provisions of NEP, 2020 in general held on 23 September, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the chairpersonship of Prof. S.R. Mittal to discuss the request received from the NCTE to hold a meeting to discuss various issues relating to the appointment of teachers in schools by 2030 and also the issues of including content relating to the education of children with disabilities as per the provision of RPD act 2016 in different teacher-education programmes.

- (xvi)** A Meeting on alignment of special education curriculum as per NEP 2020 and modalities for MoU between RCI and NCTE held under the joint Chairpersonship of Member Secretary, RCI and Member Secretary, NCTE on 21 October, 2021 at 4.00 p.m at RCI.
- (xvii)** The following draft agenda by NCTE was discussed:
- i. As per NEP 2020 only three programs in the field of Teacher Education i.e. Four years integrated B.Ed. Programme, Two years B.Ed. programme and One year B.Ed. programme are to be offered. So the programs currently offered by RCI need to be aligned with the provisions of NEP 2020 as has been developed by NCTE. This was taking into consideration as gradually all teacher education programs have to be converted by 2030.
 - ii. As per NEP 2020 standardization and institutional reforms have to be undertaken. NCTE wanted to discuss as to how these have been undertaken or proposed to be undertaken in respect of Special Education programs.
 - iii. The content of the courses of general education and special education be shared for the benefit of the students.
 - iv. The entry qualifications, minimum standards for special teacher educators be prepared by the RCI in consultation with NCTE with 20-30% flexibility as per the requirement of RCI. The amendments to B.Ed. & D.Ed. (Special Education) have already been made by NCTE and are prescribed as minimum qualifications for the appointment of the school teachers.
 - v. Research study undertaken by RCI in terms of the requirement /demand & supply of Special Educators state or disability wise.
- (xviii)** Meeting on Inclusion of ISL in converged D.Ed.Spl.Ed. (HI) syllabus held on 19 November, 2021 at 2.30 p.m at RCI through video conferencing under the chairpersonship of Dr. Varsha Gathoo. Accordingly the changes suggested were incorporated in the D.Ed.Spl.Ed.(HI) syllabus.
- (xix)** A Meeting to finalize the topic wise content for 5 day and 15 day in-service training module for inclusive education and to develop the norms and guidelines for setting up of special school for respective area of disability as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court held on 19 November, 2021 at 4.00 p.m at RCI through video conferencing under the chairpersonship of Smt. Aloka Guha.
- (xx)** The Expert Committee meeting for development/review of training programmes for various categories of professionals/personnel held on 25 November, 2021 and on 30 November 2021 at RCI under the chairpersonship of Shri Sohan Pal to scrutinise the applications received for empanelment of rehabilitation professionals as expert committee member and to select experts in all the 11 committees.

Accordingly, the committee members have prepared the 11 Expert Committees for development of training programmes in various categories of professionals / personnel as:

- i. Prosthetics & Orthotics.
- ii. Audiologists, Speech Language Pathologists, Hearing Aid and Ear Mould Technicians, Speech & Hearing Technicians
- iii. Clinical Psychologists and Rehabilitation Psychologists
- iv. Hearing Impairment and Speech & Language disability

- v. Special Teachers/ Orientation & Mobility Specialists in the field of Blind & Low Vision
- vi. Special Teachers in the field of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Intellectual Disability, Specific Learning Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder)
- vii. Multiple Disabilities (Cerebral Palsy & Deafblindness)
- viii. Rehabilitation Counselors, Vocational Counselors, Placement Officers, Employment Officers and Rehabilitation Social Workers
- ix. Indian Sign Language (ISL)
- x. Rehabilitation Administrators, Community Based Rehabilitation personnel, Multipurpose Rehabilitation Workers, Rehabilitation Engineers, Technicians, and Care Givers.
- xi. Inclusive Education

(xxi) A Meeting to finalize the topic wise content for 15 day in-service training module for inclusive education and to develop the norms and guidelines for setting up of special school for respective area of disability as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court held on 10 December, 2021 at RCI through video conferencing under the chairpersonship of Smt. Aloka Guha .

5.1.3 National Workshop:

National Symposium at Guwahati Assam: National Symposium on “**Transforming Human Resource Development in the context of NEP-2020**” was organized by the RCI on 28-29 December, 2021 at NEDFI Convention Centre, Guwahati, Assam. National Symposium was inaugurated by **the Chief Guest, Kumari Pratima Bhoumik, Hon'ble Minister of State, Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India** in the august presence of Guest of Honour Shri Keshab Mahanta , Hon' ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam, Shri Jishnu Barua, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Mrs. Anjali Bhawara, Secretary, DEPwD& Chairperson, RCI, Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI, Mrs.Vandilala Sailo, State Commissioner, PwD, Mizoram. Symposium was attended by 89 participants from all over country viz. Vice Chancellor(s) of State Open and Central Universities, State Commissioners for PWDs, Chief Coordinators, ZCCs and other Sr. eminent experts from the disability sector.

During the symposium, the experts from the disability sector deliberated on 06 identified themes and made necessary recommendations to prepare a roadmap for aligning RCI activities and programmes to transform the Human Resource in the field of special education and disability rehabilitation in consonance of various provisions as envisaged in the RPwD Act, 2016 and NEP, 2020

5.1.4 During the Financial year 2021-22, the Council has approved 649 Continuing Rehabilitation Educaiton (CRE) programmes and workshop / seminar / conference of 1-5 days duration and 115348 beneficiaries attended the programmes. Status of CRE programmes, workshop/seminar/conference sanctioned and its beneficiaries is mentioned as under:

Months	2021-22			
	CRE Programme	No. of Beneficiaries	Workshop/ Conference/ Seminar	No. of Beneficiaries
January, 2021	14	923	13	2000
February, 2021	3	90	17	2350

Months	2021-22			
	CRE Programme	No. of Beneficiaries	Workshop/ Conference/ Seminar	No. of Beneficiaries
March, 2021	8	240	19	2600
April, 2021	3	75	10	2100
May, 2021	1	30	14	2700
June, 2021	14	420	215	41375
July, 2021	2	80	34	6000
August, 2021	3	105	121	24050
September, 2021	1	100	53	9250
October, 2021	7	340	48	7800
November, 2021	2	100	13	2450
December, 2021	18	5400	16	4770
Total	76	7903	573	107445

5.2 The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

5.2.1 Overview:

- (i) The Office of the CCPD was setup under the section 57(1) of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995 and in the present context, under Section 74(1) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- (ii) The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities shall review the safeguards provided by or under this Act or any other law for the time being in force for the protection of rights of persons with disabilities and recommended measures for their effective implementation; review the factors that inhibit the enjoyment of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend appropriate remedial measures; As per Section 75(2) of the aforesaid act.
- (iii) The Chief Commissioner also may on his own motion or on the application of any aggrieved persons or otherwise look into complaints relating to deprivation of rights of persons with disabilities or non-implementation of rules, bye-laws, regulations, executive orders, guidelines or instructions etc. made or issued for the welfare and protection of rights of persons with disabilities and take up the matter with the concerned authorities. The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has been assigned certain powers of a Civil Court for effective discharge of the functions.

5.2.2 Suo-motu Cases:

The Office of the CCPD takes suo motu notices of non-implementation of various provisions of the Act such as reservation in employment, admission, instances of discrimination against PwDs reported in the press, media and take up with concerned authorities. Such proactive initiatives have not only protected the rights of PwDs but also have sensitized various stakeholders and created awareness about the issues concerning PwDs.

- (i) The Chief Commissioner under Section-75 of the RPwDs Act, 2016 shall:
 - (a) Identify, suo motu or otherwise, the provisions of any law or policy, programme and procedures, which are inconsistent with this Act and recommend necessary corrective steps;

- (b) Inquire, suo motu or otherwise; deprivation of rights of Persons with Disabilities and safeguards available to them in respect of matters for which the Central Government is the appropriate Government and take up the matter with appropriate authorities for corrective action;
 - (c) Review the safeguards provided by or under this Act or any other law for the time being in force for the protection of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend measures for their effective implementation;
 - (d) Review the factors that inhibit the enjoyment of rights of persons with disabilities and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
 - (e) Study treaties and other international instruments on the rights of persons with disabilities and make recommendations for their effective implementation;
 - (f) Undertake and promote research in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities;
 - (g) Promote awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities and the safeguards available for their protection;
 - (h) Monitor implementation of the provisions of this Act and schemes; programmes meant for persons with disabilities.
 - (i) Monitor utilization of funds disbursed by the Central Government for the benefit of persons with disabilities; and perform such other functions as the Central Government may assign.
- (ii) The Chief Commissioner shall consult the Commissioners on any matter while discharging its functions under this Act.
- (iii) As per Section 77 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD), the powers of the Chief Commissioner; for the purpose of discharging his functions under this Act; have the same powers of a civil court as are vested in a court under the Code of Civil Procedure; 1908 while trying a suit; in respect of the following matters, namely:-
- (a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of witnesses;
 - (b) Requiring the discovery and production of any documents;
 - (c) Requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office;
 - (d) Receiving evidence on affidavits; and
 - (e) Issuing commissions for the examination of witness or documents.
- (iv) Every proceeding before the Chief Commissioner shall be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code and the Chief Commissioner shall be deemed to be a civil court for the purposes of section 195 and Chapter XXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

5.2.3 National Review Meeting:

For the purpose of coordination of the work of Commissioners and reviewing the status of implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, O/o CCPD organizes National Review Meeting of the State Commissioner annually. State Commissioners provide an overview of their work and the initiatives taken by them and achievements of various departments of the State Government in the disability sector during the year. Due to Covid-19, National Review Meeting (NRM) could not be conducted in the year 2020 & 2021. However, it is being planned to convene before the end of financial year 2022 under the banner of Department of PwD.

- (i) Monitoring of Funds:** One of the important function of the CCPD under section 75(i) of the RPwD Act is to monitor utilization of funds disbursed by the Central Government for the benefit of PwDs.
- (ii) Access Audits of Public Buildings/ Places :** The Office of CCPD takes initiative to audit Public Places such as Government office buildings, Hospitals, Stadiums, Market Places, Railway Stations, Airports, Bus Stops, Religious places etc. for their accessibility and ensure that required modifications are carried out within the given time frame.
- (iii) Redressal of Grievances:** Under Section 75 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) is mandated to take steps to safeguard the rights and facilities made available to Persons with Disabilities and to redress their grievances related to the deprivation of their rights and non implementation of laws, rules, bye-laws etc. made by the appropriate Government. CCPD office is a focal point for seeking justice by Persons with Disabilities. A large number of Persons with Disabilities approach this office whenever they are deprived of their rights by any appropriate government body or local authorities.
- (iv)** Since its inception in Sept, 2998, total 39215 cases have been registered in the office of CCPD and 39036 cases had been disposed off by the end of the December 2021. During the Financial Year 2021-2022, 366 cases were registered from 1st April 2021 to 31st December 2021 and 293 cases have been disposed off including backing of the previous year. The recommendation of the Chief Commissioner / Commissioner in above mentioned in above mentioned cases / grievances have been uploaded on the website of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- (v) Virtual Hearing of the Grievances:** Due to Covid-19, the physical appearances of the complainant and respondent were not possible. Therefore, CCPD office is conducting online virtual hearing through video conferencing using Webex Platform from June 2020 onward. Total 174 cases from April to December 2021 were heard and disposed.

5.2.4 Implementation of the RPwD Act 2016;

- (i) Effective steps have been taken for speedy implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016. The State Chief Secretaries have been requested for speedy implementation of the RPwD Act, constitution of State Advisory Board and strengthening of State Commissioners office and framing of rules for effective implementation of the Act in the respective States.
- (ii) In addition to above, for creating awareness and barrier free environment for Divyangjan Central Universities, Hospitals, Hotels, Air Ports, Major Automobile Companies, Cinemas, Auditorium, Metro Rail, Airlines, Pvt/ PSU Banks, AIIMS Hospitals, Oil & Gas Sector Companies, Passport offices were directed for registration of Equal Opportunities Policies and appointment of Grievances Redressal Officer for redressal of grievances.
- (iii) Apart from the above, the guidelines for Equal Opportunity Policy to be submitted by various Govt. and Private organization to the office of CCPD is finalized and based on the guideline, the policy received from the various organization is being scrutinized.

5.2.5 Harmonized Guidelines for Standards of Accessibility and Provision of facilities for PwDs under Section 40 of RPwD Act, 2016:

As per section 40 of the RPwD Act, 2016 the Central Government shall, in consultation with Chief Commissioner, formulate rules for persons with disabilities laying down the standards of accessibility. Section 16 of RPwD Rules stated that

Central Government shall review from time to time the accessibility standards notified based on the latest scientific knowledge and technology. As such, 11 Ministries/ Departments have submitted their inputs and necessary consultation has already been extended to 08 Ministries / Departments.

5.3 The National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities

Introduction

The National Trust is a statutory body constituted by an Act of Parliament namely “The National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999”.

The objectives of the National Trust are as follows:-

- i. To enable and empower persons with disability to live as independently and as fully as possible within and as close to the community to which they belong;
- ii. To strengthen facilities to provide support to persons with disability to live within their own families;
- iii. To extend support to registered organizations to provide need based services during period of crisis in the family of persons with disability;
- iv. To deal with problems of persons with disability who do not have family support;
- v. To promote measures for the care and protection of persons with disability in the event of death of their parent or guardian;
- vi. To evolve procedures for the appointment of guardians and trustees for persons with disability requiring such protection;
- vii. To facilitate the realization of equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation of persons with disability; and
- viii. To do any other act this is incidental to the aforesaid objects.

The National Trust has been set up to discharge two basic duties- legal and welfare. Legal duties are discharged through Local Level Committees (LLC) and providing Legal Guardianship. Welfare duty is discharged through the Schemes. The activities of the National Trust inter-alia include training, awareness and capacity building programmes and shelter, care giving and empowerment. The National Trust is committed to facilitate equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation of persons with disabilities (Divyangjan), covered under the Act.

5.3.1 Registration of Organizations

As per section 12(1) of the National Trust Act, any voluntary organization, the association of parents of persons with disabilities or the association of persons with disabilities, working in the field of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation And Multiple Disabilities”, already registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860(21 of 1860), or section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956(1 of 1956), or Public Charitable Trust Act and under Persons With Disability Act, 1995 or Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in the concerned state and on NGO Darpan Portal of Niti Aayog, can apply for registration in the National Trust by filling up online form along with Form 'E' (to be generated through the online system while filling up the online registration form), duly stamped and signed by the Head of the organization. The registration of such organization shall be necessary with the Trust for availing benefits under the schemes of the Trust.

5.3.2 The total number of Registered Organizations of the National Trust is 637. The number of NGOs registered from 1.4.2021 to 31.12.2021 is 138. The list of ROs can be seen State-wise and District-wise, on the website.

(i) Appointment of Legal Guardians

- i. Section 14-17 of The National Trust Act, 1999 elaborates on Guardianship for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, to be given by the Local Level Committee. Guardianship is a need based enabling provision.
- ii. A guardian is a person, who is appointed to look after another person or his property. He or she assumes the care and protection of the person for whom he/she is appointed the guardian. The guardian takes all legal decisions on behalf of the person and the property of the ward.
- iii. Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities are in a special situation as even after they have acquired 18 years of age, they may not always be capable of managing their own lives or taking legal decisions for their own betterment. Therefore, they may require someone to represent their interests in the legal areas throughout their lives. However, in cases of cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities, there may be a need for only limited guardianship because of the availability of enabling mechanisms and/ or scientific facilitations, which enable such persons to function with varying degrees of independence.
- iv. Under section 14 of the National Trust Act, the Local Level Committee headed by the District Collector is empowered to receive application in Form A under Rule 16(1) & appoint guardians in Form B under Rule 16(2) for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, and Multiple Disabilities. It also provides mechanism for monitoring and protecting their interests including their properties.

During the last 7 years in the country, there are 19718 verified Legal Guardians appointed through Scheme Management System (SMS). In the year 2021-2022 (till December, 2021), 3866* verified Legal Guardians appointed through SMS.

*** Disclaimer: - The above figure is as on December 2021 from Scheme Management System. It may change as per decision of the Local Level Committee if any case is reviewed.**

(ii) Local Level Committee (LLC)

Under Section 13 of the National Trust Act 1999, a Local Level Committee is required to be constituted in every district of the country for a period of three years or till it is reconstituted by the Board consisting of following members:-

- An officer of the Civil Service of the Union or of the State not below the rank of District Magistrate or a District Commissioner of a District;
- A representative of an organization registered with the National Trust; and
- A person with disability as defined in Clause (t) of Section 2 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995(1 of 1996)

The function of Local Level Committee is to screen, appoint, monitor and remove legal guardians. LLCs also promote activities such as Awareness generation, convergence and mainstreaming of persons with disabilities.

717 LLCs have been constituted covering all the districts of the country with DC/DM as Chairperson of the LLC.

(iii) State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC)

In order to carry out the activities of the National Trust, its effective

implementation at the state level and for coordination/liaison with the concerned State Government Departments, a reputed Registered Organization of the National Trust is appointed as State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC). The National Trust provides funds for conducting institutional activities namely meetings of Registered Organizations / Local Level Committee(LLCs), State Level Coordination Committees (SLCCs), documentation / Reporting, honorarium for coordinator, misc. activities. At present, there are 28 SNACs in the country.

During the year 2021-22, an amount of Rs. 41.57 Lakh been released to the SNACs. The comprehensive list of all State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) is available on the website.

(iv) State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC)

Every State/UT Government has been requested to set up a State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) for effective implementation and monitoring of the schemes of the National Trust. The Secretary of the State Government looking after disability affairs is the Chairperson and the respective SNAC is the convener of the Committee. So far, SLCCs have been constituted in 30 States / Union Territories.

5.3.3 The Schemes highlights and the projects sanctioned under the schemes during the year 2021-22 are as under:

i. Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness Scheme for 0-10 years)

This is an early intervention and school readiness scheme for children in the age group of 0-10 years with the four disabilities covered under the National Trust Act and aims at setting up Disha Centres for early intervention for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) through therapies, trainings and providing support to family members. The project holders should provide day-care facilities to PwDs (Divyangjan) for at least 4 hours in a day (between 8 am and 6 pm) along with age specific activities. There should be a Special Educator or Early Intervention Therapist, Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist and Counsellor for PwDs (Divyangjan) along with Caregiver and Ayas in the centre.

115 Disha Centres have been sanctioned benefiting 3822 beneficiaries during the last 7 years in the country. This includes 234 beneficiaries benefited during 2021-22 through 30 Disha Centres. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.1283.28 Lakh has been released, so far. This includes release of Rs.83.67 Lakh during 2021-22 (till December, 2021).

ii. VIKAAS (Day Care Scheme for 10+ years)

This is a Day care scheme for Divyangjan attaining the age of 10 years and above, primarily to expand the range of opportunities available to a person with disability for enhancing interpersonal and vocational skills as they are on a transition to higher age groups. The centre offers care giving support to Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) during the time the Divyangjan are in the Vikaas centre. In addition, it also helps in supporting family members of the Persons with disabilities covered under the National Trust Act to get some time during the day to fulfil other responsibilities. The project holders should provide day-care facilities to Divyangjan for at least 6 hours in a day (between 8 am and 6 pm) along with age specific activities. Day care should be opened for at least 21 days in a month.

124 Vikaas Centres have been sanctioned benefiting 6212 beneficiaries during the last 7 years in the country. This includes 547 beneficiaries benefitted during 2021-22 through 33 Vikaas Centres. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.2157.04 Lakh has been released, so far. This includes release of Rs.169.63 Lakh during 2021-22 (till December, 2021).

iii. Disha-cum Vikaas Scheme (Day Care)

For the Registered Organisations, who were implementing multiple schemes, an option for implementing merged scheme was given. Based on the consent given by the project holders and the scheme guidelines, 42 project holders were allotted the merged Disha-cum-Vikaas Scheme (Day Care) w.e.f. 1.4.2018.

There are 42 Disha-cum-Vikaas Centres benefiting 4271 beneficiaries during the last 4 years in the country. This includes 968 beneficiaries benefitted during 2021-22. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.1750.74 Lakh has been released, so far. This includes release of Rs.320.18 lakh, during 2021-22 (till December, 2021).

iv. Samarth (Respite Care Residential Scheme)

The objective of Samarth scheme is to provide respite care home for orphans or abandoned, families in crisis and also for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) from BPL & LIG families including destitute with at least one of the four disabilities covered under the National Trust Act. The scheme provides for creating opportunities for family members to get respite time in order to fulfil other responsibilities. Under the Scheme Samarth Centres are set up for providing group home facility for all age groups with adequate and quality care service with acceptable living standards including provision of basic medical care from professional doctors.

45 Samarth Centers have been sanctioned benefiting 1781 beneficiaries during the last 7 years in the country. This includes 160 beneficiaries benefitted during 2021-22 through 13 Samarth Centers. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.1011.40 Lakh has been released, so far. This includes release of Rs.90.98 Lakh during 2021-22 (till December, 2021).

v. Gharaunda (Group Home for Adults)

The objective of Gharaunda scheme is to provide an assured home and minimum quality of care services throughout the life of the persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities. The scheme also facilitates establishment of requisite infrastructure for the assured care system throughout the country, encourage assisted living with independence and dignity and provide care services on a sustainable basis.

50 Gharaunda Centers have been sanctioned benefiting 1550 beneficiaries during the last 7 years in the country. This includes 275 beneficiaries benefitted during 2021-22 through 22 Gharaunda Centers. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.1664.83 Lakh has been released, so far. This includes release of Rs.219.60 Lakh during 2021-22 (till December, 2021).

vi. Samarth-cum-Gharaunda Scheme (Residential)

For the Registered Organisations, who were implementing multiple schemes, an option for implementing merged scheme was given. Based on the consent given by the ROs and the scheme guidelines, 12 ROs were allotted the merged Samarth-cum-Gharaunda Scheme (Residential) w.e.f. 1.4.2018.

There are 12 Samarth-cum-Gharaunda centers benefiting 926 beneficiaries during the last 4 years in the country. This includes 13 centres benefiting 283

beneficiaries during 2021-22. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.617.95 Lakh has been released, so far. This includes release of Rs.174.26 Lakh during 2021-22 (till December, 2021).

vii.Badhte Kadam (Awareness, Community Interaction & Innovative Project Scheme)

This scheme shall support Registered Organisations (ROs) of the National Trust to carry out activities that focus on increasing the awareness of The National Trust disabilities. Aim of the scheme is to create community awareness, sensitization, social integration and mainstreaming of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan). The National Trust shall sponsor maximum of 4 events for each Registered Organization per year. Each Registered Organization should conduct at least one event either for community, educational institutes or medical institutes, in a year.

Under the scheme, 126 Registered Organizations (ROs) have been sanctioned during last 7 years in the country. An amount of Rs. 1.28 Lakh has been released, so far.

viii.‘Niramaya’ Health Insurance Scheme

The National Trust is implementing Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities and there is no age bar. Under the Scheme, there is an insurance cover of Rs.1 lakh, which covers OPD, Diagnostic Test, Therapies, Corrective Surgeries, Alternative Medicine and Transportation. The treatment can be taken from any authorized medical practitioner/health care center. It is on reimbursement basis. The scheme is operational in the entire country through more than 700 Registered Organisations who facilitate Divyangjan in filling the online application. Any person with aforesaid condition can avail benefit by paying a nominal fee. From 2021-22, renewal under the scheme can be done by parents/guardians themselves through our portal.

The enrollment/renewal fee is not charged for Divyangjan who have Legal Guardian other than natural parents.

During the year 2021-22 (till December, 2021), 109753 beneficiaries have been enrolled. Total 13447 claims settled amounting to Rs. 630.24 Lakh. The expenditure during the year is Rs.612.07 Lakh (till December, 2021). At present, the scheme is being implemented through M/s. Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd.

5.3.4 Sampark-‘In the Hour of Need scheme’

The National Trust had launched Sampark – ‘In the hour of need’ scheme on 1-11-2019. The objective of the scheme is to provide necessary support to Divyangjan covered under the National Trust Act in case of natural calamity like – Cyclone, Earthquake, Flood etc. for a period of 100 days, to commence from the first day of each programme. The Sampark scheme was implemented in the Super Cyclone affected 10 districts of Odisha and 13 districts of West Bengal. At present, the Sampark scheme is being implemented in 3 districts of Maharashtra, 9 districts of Gujarat, 9 districts of Odisha and 8 districts of West Bengal, due to the cyclones ‘Tauktae’ and ‘YAAS’. The 100 days period of the scheme ended on 8-11-2021.

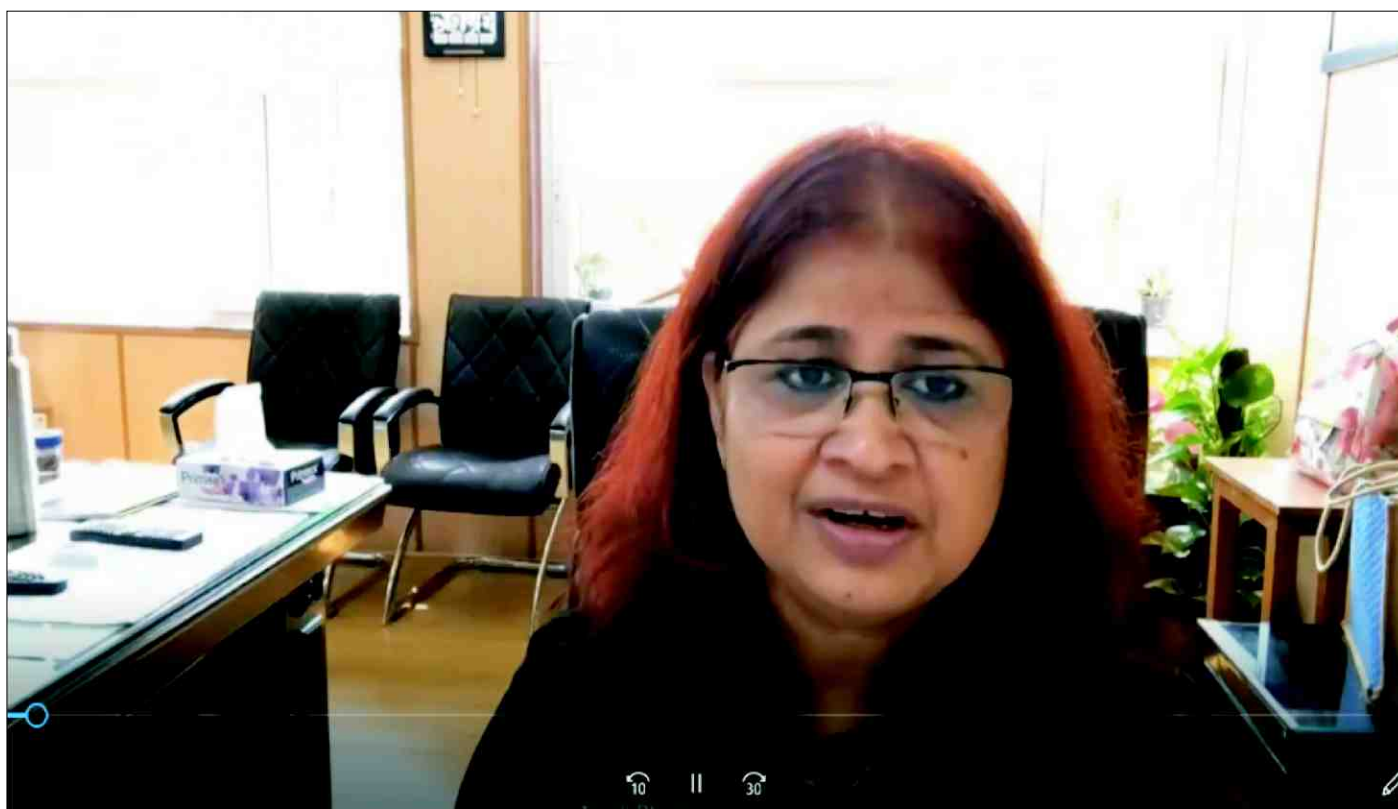
However, due to the unique nature of scheme, which requires lot of publicity and coordination among Registered Organizations, parents and professionals working in the field, the scheme is extended till 16-2-2022.

5.3.5 Board Meetings and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- (i) During the period, National Trust conducted 88th Board meeting on 27th September, 2021 and 89th Board meeting on 20th December, 2021 of the National Trust under

the chairmanship of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, National Trust.

- (ii) 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Trust held on 28th September 2021 through virtual mode under the chairpersonship of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Chairperson, National Trust and Secretary, DEPwD. Sh. Nikunja Kishore Sundaray, JS&CEO, all Board Members and Stakeholders/Registered Organizations (ROs) numbering 383 attended the meeting. A detailed presentation on the Annual Report was made. Board Members appreciated the activities of the National trust particularly the work done during COVID-19 and the efforts of the National Trust to continue its activities, as usual, during COVID-19. In the open session several questions were raised by the participants, which were addressed by the officials of the National Trust.



Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, National Trust addressing the 21st AGM on 28th September, 2021

5.3.6 Other Activities

(i) National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit-

The National Trust organized 'National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit' on virtual basis for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PwIDDs) on 7th August, 2021. In the first of its kind, the summit was organized with focus on Seven States in North East Region of the Country. Celebrating the 75th year of Independence of the country (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav), the aim of the summit was to empower persons with Intellectual and developmental Disabilities on Digital Technology and increase the footfall of the schemes and activities of the National Trust in the region. The Convention was attended by State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) of National Trust and more than 100 Stakeholders representing organizations, professionals, and Divyangjan from the Region.

(ii) Distribution of Teaching and Learning Material (TLM) Kits-

The National Trust had purchased Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Kits from National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad and distributed to the beneficiaries of Center Based Schemes namely- Disha, Vikaas, Samarth and Gharaunda, etc. A meeting on usage of these kits was organised on 26th August, 2021 in collaboration with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad.

(iii) Meeting on extension of National Trust activities in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh-

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh were excluded from the National Trust Act, 1999. As of recently, Article 370 was abrogated and the UTs were added to the National Trust Act. Therefore, a Virtual Meeting with officials of the Govt of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh was organized on 31st August 2021. Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, J&K, Secretary, DEPwD, JS&CEO, National Trust, DDG-DEPwD, Secretary, SW, J&K, DMs, CMOs, DSWOs, NGOs, parents and professionals from UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh were present in the meeting. More than 268 persons participated in the meeting. The meeting was aimed at creating awareness and developing a roadmap for implementation of activities, schemes and programmes of the National Trust in the region.

(iv) National conference on “Sampark-in the hour of need”-

Two days virtual National Convention was conducted on the scheme on 12th and 13th October, 21 under chairmanship of JS&CEO, National Trust in which a number of issues related to the scheme was discussed. Board Members of the National Trust, Sh. Mritunjay Jha, Deputy Secretary, DEPwD, Professionals from NIEPID, Sh. Pankaj Maru, Coordinator, and former SNAC Madhya Pradesh also participated in the virtual meeting and explained various issues related to schemes and programmes of DEPwD, issuance of UDID Card, Niramaya scheme, TLM Kit etc. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Board Member from Odisha where the scheme was implemented in the first phase, praised the scheme and said that the scheme was proved to be very beneficial.

(v) Meeting of Sub-committee to promote NGOs for registration with National Trust in uncovered States/UTs-

A Sub-committee of Board Members met on virtually on 16th December, 2021 to work out on strategies for promoting NGOs to register with National Trust in the uncovered States/UTs such as- Andaman and Nicobar, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Meghalaya, Pondicherry, Sikkim, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh. All Board Members, State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) and some Government Officials participated in the meeting.

(vi) Virtual meeting organized by the National Trust on various issues concerning different group of stakeholders-

- a. With State Nodal Agency centres (SNACs) on 7th May, 2021.
- b. One or two States/ UTs from 17th May 2021 to 11th June, 2021.
- c. On 'Assisted Living programme of Adult Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PwIDDs)' towards India@75 on 7th September, 2021.
- d. On 'Early Intervention Training for Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PwIDDs)' towards India@75 on 14th September, 2021.
- e. With Registered Organisations and project holders of different schemes namely –

Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness scheme for 0 to 10 years), Vikaas (Day Care scheme for 10+ years), Samarth (Respite Care Residential Scheme) and Gharaunda (Group Home for Adults) organized from 27th October to 9th December, 2021.

f. With 5/6 States organized from 6th December 2021 to 15th December, 2021.

(vii) Meetings/Seminars participated by officials of the National Trust –

a. The JS&CEO, National Trust inaugurated and participated in the one day workshop conducted by Aakanksha Lions School for Mentally Handicapped, SNAC Chhattisgarh on 22nd November, 2021

b. Programme Director, National Trust participated in the following seminar/meetings-

- Virtual meeting on World Down Syndrome and Autism Day on 1st April, 2021, organized by the State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC), Tamil Nadu.
- A State/UT wise virtual meeting organized by each State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) from 17th May 2021 to 24th June 2021.
- National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun organized 5th North-East India Fashion Week (NEIFW) 2021 on 23rd and 24th July 2021.
- National Level webinar on Community Based Rehabilitation organized by Shubhasheesh Shiksha Evam Vikas Sewa Sansthan, SNAC- RaeBareli, from 18th to 20th September, 2021.
- State Level Online Webinar organized by Registered Organization (RO), Bethany Society Shillong on 18th November, 2021.
- 2 days National Symposium organized by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) on “Transforming Human Resource Development in the context of NEP-2020” from 28-29 December, 2021 in Guwahati, Assam.

c. Deputy Director, National Trust participated in the following seminar/meetings-

- Virtual meeting on World Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April, 2021, organized by the State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC), Andhra Pradesh.
- Virtual meeting “Jagrukta Abhiyan” organized by Tapan Rehabilitation Society, SNAC Haryana on 23rd and 24th April, 2021.
- Virtual meeting by Indian National Portage Association (INPA), Chandigarh on “Quest for Excellence in Early Intervention Practices through Multimedia approach to promote RPwD Act, 2016 and NEP 2020 held on 3rd May, 2021.
- National Level webinar on Community Based Rehabilitation organized by Shubhasheesh Shiksha Evam Vikas Sewa Sansthan, SNAC- RaeBareli, from 18th to 20th September, 2021.
- State Level Online Webinar organized by Registered Organization (RO), Bethany Society Shillong on 18th November, 2021.

(viii) National Trust Foundation Day –

The National Trust celebrated its Foundation Day on 30th December, 2021. A meeting of staff was organized in which the day to day functioning of the National Trust was discussed and plan for better implementation of the activities of the National Trust was made.

Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)

6.1 Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)

Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) is a Schedule 'C' Miniratna Category II Central Public Sector Enterprises, registered under Section 8 (Not for Profit motive) of the Companies Act 2013, (corresponding to Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956) and is functioning under the administrative control of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities as a 100% owned Government of India Central Public Sector Enterprises. The Corporation started manufacturing artificial aids in 1976. At present, it has five Auxiliary Production Centres (AAPCs) situated at Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Jabalpur (M.P.), Bengaluru (Karnataka), Mohali (Punjab) and Ujjain (MP). The Corporation also has five Marketing Centres at New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Guwahati.

6.1.2 Objectives

The objective of the Corporation is to benefit the persons with disabilities to the maximum extent possible by promoting, encouraging and developing and manufacturing rehabilitation aids and supply them for distribution to the persons with disabilities of the country. Profitability not being the motive, the Corporation endeavors to provide better quality of aids & appliances to larger number of persons with disabilities at a reasonable price.

6.1.3 Financial Highlights

During the Financial year 2021-22 (upto 31.12.2021) the Corporation has achieved a turnover of Rs. 208.42 crore (provisional) as compared to the previous year turnover Rs. 275.87 crore in 2020-21. Similarly, the value of production has recorded Rs.205.00 crore (provisional) as compared to the previous year production value of Rs. 265.95 crore in 2020-21.

6.1.4 The Quantitative Figures showing Physical Performance of the Corporation

S. No.	Physical Performance (Physical Performance of Important Products)	Production (In Nos.)		Sales (In Nos.)	
		2020-21	2021-22 (Provisional figures upto 31.12.2021)	2020-21	2021-22 (Provisional figures upto 31.12.2021)
1	Tricycle	57092	42794	58105	46135
2	Wheel Chairs	66259	56631	68858	57416
3	Crutches	52883	52516	57393	66724
4	Hearing Aids	133500	14961	97576	71746

Particulars	Sales of 2021-22 (provisional figures upto 31.12.2021)	Sales of 2020-21
Resources mobilized from GIA	136.76	157.13
Resources mobilized other than GIA	71.66	118.74
TOTAL	208.42	275.87

6.1.5 ADIP CAMPS

The Corporation has covered 78119 beneficiaries' (provisional figures upto 31.12.2021) equipment-wise in the financial year 2021-22 under ADIP scheme through 307 camps covering 23 States/UTs.

6.1.6 ADIP-Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) CAMPS

Under ADIP-SSA programme, 763 camps were organized in the Financial Year 2021-22 (provisional figures upto 31.12.2021) in which 81652 children with special needs in the class group of 01-12 were served covering 13 States/UTs.

6.1.7 Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojna

ALIMCO has been nominated as the sole implementing agency by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, for the execution of the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojna at various districts / location across the country.

During the financial year 2021-22 Corporation has organized 180 distribution camps in 38 districts all over the country, wherein Corporation had distributed 29016 aids & appliances (upto 31.21.2021) provisional.

6.1.8 Industrial Relations

The Industrial relations scenario in the Corporation has been peaceful, harmonious and cordial. The Corporation continues to encourage participative culture in its management through consultative approach by establishing harmonious relations. The Corporation has not lost single man hour during the year due to any sort of Industrial Relation problem.

6.1.9 Steps taken by the Corporation to improve the quality of Aids & Assistive devices

- a. Engagement of Quality Council of India (A Govt. of India body), third party for Quality Assessment

In order to ascertain the Quality of Aids & Assistive devices, the Corporation engaged Quality Council of India (QCI), a Govt. of India agency for 2nd tier/ stage quality checks to ensure consistent quality. Quality Council of India is independently conducting product quality assessments in the Corporation for it's 16 fast moving products and provides detailed assessment reports wherein 100% quality compliance in FY 2019-20 & 2020-21 has been reported.

- b. Engagement of Indian Institute of Packaging (A Govt. of India body) for improvement in Packaging

In order to improve the Quality of Packaging of Aids & Assistive devices, the Corporation engaged Indian Institute of Packaging (A Govt. of India body) for developing the packaging solutions for it's fast moving aids & assistive devices. Accordingly, IIP developed improved version of packaging for Motorized Tricycle, Wheelchair and CP Chair.

- c. Adoption of Closed Body Containers for Transport of Aids & Assistive devices

In order to eliminate the damage of various Aids & Assistive devices during transportation/ transshipment, rust formation and due to direct environmental exposure, the Corporation adopted the transportation using Closed Body Containers. There has been a marked improvement in the Quality of delivered goods.

6.1.10 Glimpses of Camp Photographs



(Camp for distribution of Aids and Assistive devices under ADIP Scheme was conducted in the gracious presence of the then Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot and Shri Milind Malik, Minister of Rural Development, Govt. of Goa and other dignitaries in South Goa on 19.01.2021)



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(Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh distributing Wheelchair and walking stick to Sr. Citizen under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana in camp conducted in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh on 5th of March,2021)



(Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura distributing Wheelchair to Sr. Citizen in presence of the then Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana in camp conducted in Agartala on 26.02.2021)

6.1.11 Activities under Corporate Social Responsibility (Sales)

ALIMCO is also working as a CSR Implementation Partner for many Companies in empowering the Divyangjan as part of their CSR Projects. The Corporation has taken initiative and has started approaching all profit making CPSUs to take up their CSR obligation through ALIMCO for Assessment and Distribution of Aids and Assistive Devices to Divyangjan. Our Corporation has joined hand with many CPSUs including ONGC Ltd, Airports Authority of India, GAIL (India) Ltd, National Insurance Co Ltd, Northern Coalfields Ltd, Central Coalfields Ltd, South Eastern Coalfields Ltd, Rural Electrification Corporation, Indian Railway Finance Corporation, Power Finance Corporation, New India Assurance Co. Ltd, Engineers India Ltd, Power Grid Corporation, NHPC Ltd, Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd., IRCON Ltd, NTPC Ltd, Wapcos Limited, Mahanagar Gas Ltd, Central Warehousing Corporation, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd, Antrix Corporation Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation, Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd, REC Transmission Projects Company limited etc. The Corporation had conducted 37 CSR camps and has distributed 7534 appliances in 2021-22 (provisional figure upto 31.12.2021).

6.1.12 Corporate Social Responsibility

Even though company is working in social sector but being a corporate entity, the company understands the social needs of other persons also. Therefore, the company under its CSR policy spent Rs. 170.59 lakh on various CSR activities (up to 31.12.2021) against target of Rs. 202.18 lakh during the 2021-22.

6.2 National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) were set up by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India on January 24, 1997. The company is registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 as a not for profit Company. It is wholly owned by Government of India and has an authorized share capital of Rs.499.50 crore (Rupees Four Hundred Ninety Nine Crore and Fifty Lakhs only).The company is managed by Board of Directors nominated by Government of India.

6.2.1 Objectives

- (i) To promote self-employment and other ventures for the benefit / economic rehabilitation of the Divyangjan.
- (ii) To assist, subject to such income and/or economic criteria as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time, Divyangjan or groups of Divyang individuals by way of loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes and projects. To extend loans to Divyangjan for pursuing general/professional/technical education for training at graduate and higher levels.
- (iii) To assist in the up gradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of Divyangjan for proper and efficient management of production units.
- (iv) To facilitate inclusion and comfortable living in the society for the Divyangjan
- (v) To set up training, quality control, process development, technology, common facility centres and other infrastructural activities for the proper rehabilitation/upliftment of the Divyangjan in support of their economic pursuits.
- (vi) To assist the State level organizations to deal with the development of the Divyangjan by way of providing financial assistance and in obtaining commercial funding or by way of refinancing.
- (vii) To function as an apex institution for channelizing the fund to the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through the Implementing Agencies nominated by the State Government(s), partner banks & Financial Institutions and other state level institutions with whom agreements are signed.

- (viii) To assist self-employed individuals and group of individuals or registered factories/companies/co-operatives of PwDs in marketing their finished goods and assist in procurement of raw materials.

6.2.2 Functions & Activities:

(i) Credit based activities:

NHFDC offers financial assistance in the form of concessional loans on convenient terms to all eligible Indian Citizens with 40% or more disability and aged above 18 years.

- (a) The details of loan assistance, interest rate and repayment period under various schemes are as under:

S. No.	Scheme	Max. loan	Interest rate payable by Beneficiary	Maximum Loan Repayment Period
1	Divyangjan Swablamban Yojana	Rs. 50.00 lakhs	5-9% p.a. #	10 years
2	Vishesh Microfinance Yojana	Rs. 60,000/- per PwDs	12.5% p.a.	3 years

A rebate of 1% in interest is allowed to women with disabilities/persons with disabilities other than OH in self-employment loans of up to Rs.50,000/- under Divyangjan Swablamban Yojana. The rebate is borne by NHFDC.

(ii) Non Credit Based Activities:

NHFDC also provides funds and organizes various activities in the interest of persons with disabilities to achieve its mandate. These are:

(a) Skill Training:

- Assistance for Skills and Entrepreneurial Development Programmes:

NHFDC provides skill development trainings to PwDs between 18-50 years of age in order to make them capable and self-dependent through proper technical training in the field of traditional and technical occupations and entrepreneurship. Financial assistance in the form of grant is provided to Empanelled training partners/reputed institutions for imparting training to the disabled persons. NHFDC also provide stipend during training programmes, as per the prescribed Government norms.

- Broad Eligibility Criteria for skill training

The beneficiaries should be in the age of group of 15-50 years for availing skill training under NHFDC Scheme.

(b) Awareness Creation & Marketing Support

- Awareness Creation:

NHFDC reimburses expenses made for publicity/awareness creation on its schemes by the implementing agencies. Here, amount up to Rs.50,000 /- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) per year or 0.10% of the amount disbursed by the implementing agencies in the immediately preceding financial year, whichever is higher is considered.

- Marketing Support:

NHFDC extends assistance to Persons with Disabilities in marketing their

products. PwDs are regularly sponsored to participate in various exhibitions. NHFDC also facilitate online and offline marketing of Products of PwDs to enhance their business reach.

6.2.3 Performance and Achievement:

The physical & financial achievements of NHFDC under loan schemes from 2019-20 to 2021-22 (upto 31.12.2021) is as under:

S.No	Financial Year	Amount released (Rs. in Cr.)	Number of Beneficiaries (*)
1	2019-20	113.15	18170
2	2020-21	133.62	18326
3	2021-22 (upto 31.12.2021)	73.01	10296

6.2.4 Initiatives of NHFDC:

The Corporation has taken certain initiatives to extend the outreach. These are as follows:

(i) NHFDC Swavalamban Kendra

- (a) NHFDC has rolled out the concept of NHFDC Swavalamban Kendra (NSK) by converging the credit needs, skilling needs, assured business linkage needs, etc on pilot scale basis and aspires to convert into a grandiose scheme, initially covering each district in the country at the rate of one NSK per district. Each NSK is established at a capital cost of around Rs. 12.0 lakhs by PwD entrepreneurs with the help of 100% financing from NHFDC.
- (b) In order to provide hand holding support as well as assured business linkage/ business support, NHFDC conducts skilling programmes through these NSKs. Attempts also being made to initiate Common Services Centre (CSC) activities/organise retail formats/captive production centres for items like – Bags, Face Masks, foot mats, agarbatti etc based on scoping exercise for each site. The NSKs will also function as Micro Finance Lending sites for NHFDC schemes.
- (c) These NSKs will be used as mini incubation centers with hands on skilling on the locally relevant and viable businesses to train the rural PwDs for self-employment opportunities in and around their localities.
- (d) The corporation has already established 14 NSKs at Baghpat, Noida, Kannauj (Uttar Pradesh), Yamunanagar, Sonapat, Kurukshetra (Haryana), Chindwara, Indore, Nagda (M.P.), Bhilwara, Dausa (Rajasthan), Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand) and Nayagarh (Odisha). In all above NSKs skill trainings of PwDs are being conducted successfully. These NSKs are fitted with CCTV, Biometric machine, laptops/other equipment for every trainee, and are easily accessible to PwDs including the toilets.

- (ii) **Online Marketing of Products of PwD Entrepreneurs:** Providing hand holding support to PwD entrepreneurs in marketing their products is an important aspect in the process of effort of their economic empowerment through concessional loaning. As the PwD entrepreneurs with their mobility/communication limitations, may sometimes find it difficult to market their products and services. NHFDC has initiated efforts to directly support the PwD entrepreneurs in marketing their goods and services by aggregation of their products and services, and also using existing online marketing platform. Some of the products made by PwDs are now available on leading e- marketing platforms [Amazon, Flipkart, Gem etc].

(iii) Enhancing the reach of the Corporation: In order to enhance its reach, the Corporation signed agreements with new State Nominated Agencies and Regional Rural Banks. During the year NHFDC signed agreements with Gujarat State Handicapped (Divyang) Finance & Development Corporation, Gujarat and Tripura Grameen Bank, Tripura. Similar efforts are

(iv) **Monitoring System of the Implementation of the Schemes & Programs of NHFDC In The State/UTs:** NHFDC has following internal mechanisms in place for monitoring the implementation of its schemes & programme:

- (a) Utilization of loan: The funds made available to implementing agencies are to be utilised within prescribed period from the date of its release. The implementing agencies are required to submit the utilization details in respect of the amount released.
- (b) National and Regional conferences/workshops: NHFDC regularly organizes National and Regional conferences/workshops of its Implementing Agencies. The performance in respect of implementation of NHFDC schemes is reviewed at such conference/workshops. The bottlenecks in implementation of schemes of NHFDC in respective states are also discussed and evaluated. On the basis of discussions, policies are suitably modified within the ambit of objectives of NHFDC.
- (c) Internal Review Meeting: The implementation of NHFDC schemes by various Implementing Agencies is reviewed /monitored regularly and suitable measures are taken for effective implementation of the schemes.

(v) **Skill Training Centres**

- (a) NHFDC is stressing on the skill training of Divyangjan and has been facilitating their EDP/skill training primarily from its skill training centres at Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh) and Micro Skilling Centres in the name of NHFDC Swavalamban Kendras at Baghpat, Noida, Kannauj (Uttar Pradesh), Yamunanagar, Sonapat, Kurukshetra (Haryana), Chindwara, Indore, Nagda (M.P.), Bhilwara (Rajasthan) and Nayagarh (Odisha). NHFDC has initiated skill training of 7810 PwDs under SIPDA Scheme of DEPwD, primarily through above centres.
- (b) NHFDC has taken steps to open its own skill training centres at various locations in the country with the support of 21 NCSCDA, Ministry of Labour & Employment, GoI. This will ensure use of strength of both the organizations in extending quality skill training to PwDs for their wage employment or self employment.

(vi) **EXHIBITION / AWARENESS CAMPS / JOB/FAIRS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS DETAILS:**

During the financial year 2021-22 the corporation participated in following programmes /campaign for creation of awareness amongst Divyangjans /Public about its schemes;

- a) **Exhibitions & Fairs** During the year 2021-22, NHFDC participated in various workshops/camps/ fairs for awareness creation and dissemination of information regarding its schemes for the benefit of Divyangjans. These are as under:
 - Virtual Job Fair organized by NHFDC on 28-29 September 2021.
 - NHFDC participated in Job Fair for PwDs at NCSC-DA (VRCH), Karkardooma, New Delhi on 17/12/2021. The job fair was organized by Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in collaboration with NHFDC, NCSC-DA Delhi.

- Participated in Swadeshi Mela-2021 organized in Lucknow on 17-26 December, 2021.
- Participated in 'Rise in Uttar Pradesh' exhibition organized by NHFDC from 22-24 December, 2021 at Ghaziabad.
- Participated in 'Ujwal Uttar Pradesh-21' exhibition held at Gorakhpur on 24-26 December, 2021.



NHFDC Swavalamban Kendra (NSK)



NHFDC participated in the Awareness Camp organized on 13.11.2021 at Nellore, A.P. Hon'ble Vice President of India visited NHFDC stall during the inauguration of above camp.



NHFDC participated in the Awareness Camp organized on 20.10.2021 at Jhansi, U.P. Hon'ble Minister, MSJ&E visited NHFDC stall during the inauguration of above camp.



Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons With Disabilities (Divyangjan), MSJE, GOI visited NHFDC Swavalamban Kendra at Sonapat, Haryana



Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, MSJE, GOI visited NHFDC Swavalamban Kendra at Noida, Uttar Pradesh



Meeting with MD/CMD and senior officers of other corporations



On the 105th birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji, the schemes of NHFDC were publicized in the Job Fair organized for Divyangjan in IPH.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES

7.1 Introduction

There are nine National Institutes under this Department working in the field of disability rehabilitation. National Institutes are autonomous bodies established for different types of disabilities. These institutes are engaged in Human Resources Development in the field of disability, providing rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities and Research and Development efforts. These nine National Institutes are as below:

- i. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD), Delhi.
- ii. Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack.
- iii. National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata.
- iv. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun.
- v. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai
- vi. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad.
- vii. National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai.
- viii. Indian Sign Language Training and Research Centre, New Delhi.
- ix. National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore, Madhya Pradesh

7.2 Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD), New Delhi

Pt. Deendayal National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan), established in year 1975, is committed to the rehabilitation of persons with Locomotor Disabilities like Poliomyelitis, Cerebral Palsy, Traumatic Deformities, Brain Stroke cases etc.

7.2.1 Aim and Objectives

- (i) To undertake the training of Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Prosthetist & Orthotists and other such professionals needed for providing services to the disabled persons.
- (ii) To offer education, training, work-adjustment and such other rehabilitation services as may be needed by orthopedically disabled persons with or without associated mental retardation.
- (iii) To undertake the manufacturing and distribution of such aids and appliances as are needed for the education, training and rehabilitation of the disabled persons.
- (iv) To provide such other services as may be considered appropriate for promoting the education and rehabilitation of the disabled persons, including organizing meetings, seminars and symposia.
- (v) To undertake, initiate, sponsor or stimulate research aimed at developing more effective techniques for the education and rehabilitation of the disabled persons.
- (vi) To co-operate with national, regional or local agencies in research or such other activities as may be designed to promote the development of services for persons with disabilities.

- (vii) To undertake or sponsor such publications as may be considered appropriate.
- (viii) To do other such other things as may be necessary or incidental to the realization of the above objectives.

Services offered

- (i) Medical Intervention & Referrals
- (ii) Specialty Clinical Services
- (iii) Out Patient Ayurvedic Clinic
- (iv) Physiotherapy with State of the Art Equipments and Gym
- (v) Occupational Therapy
- (vi) Sensory Integration Therapy
- (vii) Model Integrated School
- (viii) Prosthetics & Orthotics
- (ix) Speech & Language Intervention
- (x) Psychological Intervention
- (xi) Guidance and Counselling
- (xii) Independent Living Training (ADL) Unit
- (xiii) Distribution of Aids and Appliances

7.2.3 Regional Center and Composite Regional Centre: The Institute has established its Southern Regional Centre (SRC) in the campus of National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Secunderabad and Satellite Centres at Seemapuri and Narela in New Delhi, at Nilokheri in (Karnal), Haryana and Tonk, in Rajasthan. The Institute is facilitating the functioning of Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC) Lucknow and Srinagar.

7.2.4 New Initiatives & Events:

- i. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan), New Delhi continued to provide various rehabilitation services to Persons with disabilities even during the period of lockdown and afterwards.

Since the visitors and patients were advised not to physically visit the Institute's assessment clinic; the faculties of Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist and Prosthetics & Orthotics Departments presented a number of webinars regularly covering various topics so that proper care can be taken by the patients/visitors at home too. These topics include Home Based Exercises, Holistic Home Based Therapeutic Strategies for children, Shoulder Rehabilitation, Care of Prosthesis during Lockdown & Pre Prosthetic Stump Care Management at Home, Orthotic Management & Proper footwear in Diabetic foot conditions, Cosmetic Restoration, Enhancing care through virtual visits and many more. In addition, the Institute was assigned various jobs regarding the organization of National Awards Presentation Function 2020 which was organized on 03rd December, 2021. The Institute organized a Job Fair during September, 2021 in which Persons with Disabilities were offered jobs by various organizations. The Institute was assigned various jobs by the Ministry regarding the felicitation program organized for the winners of Tokyo Paralympics 2020 held at Ashok Hotel, New Delhi on 10th September, 2021. Besides, the CRC's at Lucknow and Srinagar prepared a number of webinars for assisting the beneficiaries and patients during Covid-19 pandemic.

- ii. Apart from above webinars, PDUNIPPD uploaded many videos on YouTube regarding the treatment, management and care of aids & appliances

- iii. An Early Intervention Centre (Cross Disability) (EIC) & Preparatory School was inaugurated on 17th June, 2021 in the campus of Institute. Similarly another EIC was inaugurated in CRC Lucknow on the same day.

7.3 Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack:

For the last 45 years, Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR) have been serving the Persons with Disabilities. It is located at Olatpur in Cuttack District (29 kms. away from Bhubaneswar and Cuttack) of Odisha. It was established in 1975 as National Institute for Prosthetic and Orthotic Training (NIPOT), an adjunct unit of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), Kanpur. NIPOT was brought under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (the erstwhile Ministry of Welfare), Govt. of India on February 22, 1984 to give a thrust to Community Based Rehabilitation and Human Resource Development. Since then, it is an Autonomous Body under the administrative control of this Ministry. Its name was changed from NIPOT to NIRTAR in 1984 and subsequently to SVNIRTAR in the year 2004. It is one of the premier Institutes in the Country for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to the Persons with Locomotor Disabilities.

7.3.1 Aims and Objectives:

- (i) Long Term, Short Term Courses, Training for Rehabilitation Personnel such as Doctors, Engineers, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Multipurpose Rehabilitation Therapists and Other personnel for the rehabilitation of the physically disabilities.
- (ii) Promotion, Distribution and Subsidizing the manufacturing of prototype designed aids and appliances.
- (iii) Development of models of service delivery programmes in the field of Locomotor Disability.
- (iv) Vocational Training, Placement and Rehabilitation of the physical disabilities.
- (v) Document and disseminate information on disability and rehabilitation in India and abroad.
- (vi) To Conduct and Coordinate research activities on Bio-Medical Engineering leading to the effective evaluation and standardization of the mobility aids for the orthopedically disabled persons or suitable surgical or medical procedures and for standardization.
- (vii) Extension and Outreach Services.
- (viii) Undertake any other action in the area of rehabilitation in India and abroad.

Services offered:

- (i) Corrective Surgeries
- (ii) Digital X-Ray
- (iii) Ultrasound
- (iv) 100 Bedded Hospital
- (v) Provides comprehensive services to patients with various types of Locomotor disabilities
- (vi) Social Work
- (vii) Speech & Hearing
- (viii) Several Assessment Camps and Surgical Camps at various places in collaboration with Local Administration/ NGOs

- (ix) Therapeutic rehabilitation services (Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy)
- (x) Fabrication and Fitment of Prosthetic & Orthotic appliances.
- (xi) (CAD-CAM Laboratory.
- (xii) Early Intervention Clinic.

7.3.2 Regional and Composite Regional Centre

There are four Composite Regional Centers for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRCs) at Guwahati, Ranchi, Balangir & CRC Imphal that have been set up under the administrative control of SVNIRTAR, Cuttack. SVNIRTAR has established 4 Sub-Centres at Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Dhenkanal and Nuapada for rehabilitation of PwDs.

7.3.3 New Initiatives & Events:

- (i) 68 Research Projects of different Departments were completed. 8 articles published in Journals.
- (ii) 2789 Rehabilitation aids and appliances were fitted / provided during the year.
- (iii) 2226 Corrective Surgery performed.
- (iv) The Institute has been regularly conducting Short Orientation Courses (SOC), Continuing Medical Education (CME) programmes, Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) programmes, Continuing OT Education (COTE) programmes, Workshops, Seminars etc. to orient the officials in Government and Non-Governmental Organizations and to update the knowledge of the Rehabilitation and allied professionals throughout the Country. During this year, 17 such courses were conducted for 1016 participants.
- (v) Under CSR activity, RECL has approved the Project for Construction of 100 Bedded Annexe building costing to Rs.15.89 crore to establish the institute as a “Center of Excellence for Deformity Correction”. The construction work is going to be completed by March, 2022.
- (vi) Vocational Training Building for Skill Development of PwDs being constructed at an approximate cost of Rs. 15.95 crores.
- (vii) The Institute has established an Early Intervention Centre (Cross Disability) (EIC).



(Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Imphal inaugurated on 27th December 2021 by Km. Pratima Bhoumik, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India in the august presence of Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education & External Affairs, Govt. of India, Km. Akoijam Mirabai Devi, MLA, Patsoi, Imphal West, Ms. Anjali Bhawra, IAS, Secretary, DEPwD, Govt. of India, Dr. Prabodh Seth, IRS, Joint Secretary, DEPwD, Govt. of India and Dr. Sakti Prasad Das, Director, SVNIRTAR, Cuttack)

7.4 National Institute for Locomotors Disabilities (NILD)

In the year 1978, the National Institute for Locomotors Disabilities (NILD) erstwhile National Institute for the Orthopedically Handicapped (NIOH) was established in Calcutta, West Bengal under the then Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India as an autonomous body. NILD supports and enables persons with locomotors disabilities to optimize their potential and to realize their right to live life on an equal basis with their non-disabled peers through rehabilitation management, education, training, research and human resource development.

7.4.1 Aims and Objective:

- (i) To Conduct/Sponsor, Co-ordinate or Subsidize research in all aspects of the education and rehabilitation of persons with Locomotor Disabilities with problems of Coordination or Mobility.
- (ii) To undertake, sponsor, co-ordinate or subsidize research in biomedical engineering leading to the effective evaluation and standardization of aids or suitable Surgical or Medical procedures or the development of new aids.
- (iii) To undertake or sponsor the training of Trainees and Teachers, Employment Officers, Psychologists, Vocational Counselors and such other personnel as may be deemed necessary by the Institute for promoting education, training or rehabilitation of the Locomotor Disabilities.
- (iv) To Distribute, Promote or Subsidize the manufacturing and distribution of any or all aids designed to promote any aspects of the education, rehabilitation or therapy of persons with Locomotors Disabilities.

7.4.2 Service Offered

- (i) Human Resource Development (11 different courses of Degree, PG Diploma and Master level offered by the Institute)
- (ii) Research and development.
- (iii) Physical medicine and rehabilitation.
- (iv) OPD Services & Corrective surgeries with 50 Bedded Hospital.
- (v) Diagnostic Services- Pathology, Radiology (X-ray), EMG & NCV.
- (vi) Providing suitable Aids & Appliances.
- (vii) Physiotherapy
- (viii) Occupational Therapy
- (ix) Fabrication and Fitment of Prostheses & Orthoses.
- (x) Implementing ADIP scheme through the Institute and camps.
- (xi) Socio Economic rehabilitation
- (xii) Vocational Counseling and Guidance.
- (xiii) Special Education counseling.
- (xiv) Railway concession certificates to PwDs.
- (xv) Library, Documentation and Dissemination of information.
- (xvi) Student's placement.
- (xvii) Skill development in collaboration with training partners.
- (xviii) NGO Monitoring.
- (xix) Awareness Generation & Exhibition

7.4.3 Regional Centre and Composite Regional Centre

The Institute also gives impetus to the rehabilitation related activities in North East regions and Utrakhhand state through its Composite Regional Centres for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) at Patna, Tripura & Naharlagun and Regional Centres at Aizawl Regional Chapter at Dehradun.

7.4.4 New Initiatives and Events:-

- (i) Cross Disability Early Intervention Center for children under 6 years of age established at NILD, Kolkata and CRC-Patna which was inaugurated on 17th June 2021.
- (ii) New course Master of Physiotherapy in Neurology started from 2021-22 sessions.
- (iii) Certificate in Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) course started w.e.f. 18/10/2021.
- (iv) Under India@75, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, National online conference was organized on the topic of “Role of Chest Physiotherapy in COVID-19 pandemic” on 01st August 2021.
- (v) Booklet on “Post COVID Physical Therapy- Guide for Post COVID Rehabilitation” was published for increasing awareness regarding COVID-19.
- (vi) Awareness programmes were organized on the occasion of India@75th Year of Independence, 7th International day of Yoga, Vigilance Awareness Week, Constitution Day, International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) and Sexual Harassment Act.
- (vii) 134 webinars organized by NILD, CRCs, RCs and CDS for Persons with Disabilities, parents, students, professionals and faculties.
- (viii) Special Covid-19 Vaccination drive for Persons with Disabilities was organized by NILD, Kolkata, CRC-Tripura and CRC-Patna.



Special COVID 19 Vaccination Drive for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) was organized at NILD, Kolkata on 4th, 7th August 2021 and 8th November 2021.

- (ix) Land for CRC, Tripura- Govt. of Tripura has allotted a land measuring 7.0 Acres at Mohanpur Sub-Division for setting-up CRC SRE – Tripura building.
- (x) Virtual Inauguration of New Academic Building and Girls' Hostel by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for SJ&E, Govt. of India. Km. Pratima Bhoumik, Hon'ble MOS, SJ&E, Govt. of India and Prof. Sougata Roy, Hon'ble MP was physically present on this occasion on 24th December 2021.



Virtual Inauguration of Academic Building & Girls' Hostel at NILD, Kolkata by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for SJ&E in presence of Km. Pratima Bhoumik, Hon'ble MOS, SJ&E, Govt. of India on 24th December 2021.

- (xi) Distribution of Aids & Appliances under ADIP Scheme maintaining SoPs, in a camp held at Toopran, Telangana on 23rd November, 2021 and Ullikurukki, Tamilnadu on 21st October, 2021.



Distribution of Aids & Appliances under ADIP Scheme by Km. Pratima Bhoumik, Hon'ble MOS, SJ&E, Govt. of India on the occasion of Inauguration of Academic Building & Girls' Hostel at NILD, Kolkata on 24th December 2021.

- (xii) Mr Korok Biswas nominated by the Institute as Creative Child with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under locomotor disabilities category received National award on 3rd December 2021.
- (xiii) Special campaign to dispose of pending reference and review of physical files/documents were undertaken from 2nd October to 31st October 2021. Total 11922 physical files/documents reviewed and 614 files weeded.

- (xiv) Distribution of Aids & Appliances under ADIP Scheme maintaining SoPs, in a camp held at Toopran, Telangana on 23rd November, 2021 and Ullikurukki, Tamilnadu on 21st October, 2021.



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7.5 National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun

National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Impairment (Divyangjan) (NIEPVD) at Dehradun, set up in 1979, it is premier Institute in the field of visual disability with the primary objective to empower and enable persons with visual impairment to take part in all aspects of community life since the last 76 years.

7.5.1 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the NIEPVD as stated in the Memorandum of Association (MOA) are as follows:

- (i) To conduct and sponsor programmes for training of teachers, O&M instructors and to undertake capacity building of field functionaries and service providers of mainstream institutions of the society.
- (ii) To conduct, sponsor, coordinate and/or subsidise research into various dimensions of the education and rehabilitation of the visually impaired persons.
- (iii) To distribute, promote, or subsidise the manufacturing of prototypes and to manage distribution of any or all devices designed to promote any aspect of the education, rehabilitation or employment of the visually impaired persons.
- (v) To design and develop models of education, vocational training and other rehabilitation services to ensure minimum standards and wide coverage.

7.5.2 Services Offered

- (i) Long-Term HRD courses
- (ii) Short term & CRE programmes for capacity building and professional development
- (iii) Skilling programmes (NCVTE recognized, NSDC (SCPwD) recognized and R&D based)
- (iv) School Education (Nursery to Class XII for blind & low-vision)
- (v) Awareness programmes at community level for different stakeholders
- (vi) Research and Development

- (vii) Identification of jobs & job placement.
- (viii) Production and supply of Braille Aids & Appliances
- (ix) 24x7 Toll free Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline-"KIRAN"
- (x) Early Detection and Intervention (EIC)
- (xi) Clinical, Referral & Guidance & Counselling
- (xii) Community /outreach programmes
- (xiii) Production, Promotion and Distribution of accessible reading material.
- (xiv) Provides accessible literature in the form of Braille, Large Print, Audio and
- (xv) Community FM Radio (Hello Doon) produced and broadcast awareness programmes

7.5.3 Regional Centres and Composite Regional Centres:

The Institute has one Regional Centre at Chennai (T.N.), two Regional Chapters at Secunderabad (A.P.) & Kolkata (W.B) and coordinates the Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities at Sundernagar, Gorakhpur and Sikkim

7.5.4 New Activities and Events:

- (i) MOU has been signed with Uttaranchal Open University, at Haldwani on 12.11.2021. The MOU was signed by Director NIEPVD and Registrar, Uttarakhand Open University in presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UOU. The MOU highlights expected collaboration in following areas: i) Resource support for library development with accessible books especially for visual impairment. ii) Organizing joint programme on issue related with empowerment of persons disabilities. iii) Exchange of radio programmes and broadcast activities.
- (ii) Virtual inauguration of 14 Early Intervention Centres was held on 17th June, 2021 by Hon'ble Union Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot. Other dignitaries present on this occasion were Shri Ratan Lal Kataria, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (SJ&E); Shri. Ramdas Athawale, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (SJ&E); Sh. Krishan Pal Gujjar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (SJ&E); Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD, MSJ&E and Ms. Tarika Roy, Joint Secretary, MSJ&E. Major Yogendra Yadav, Disability Commissioner of Uttarakhand also attended the meeting virtually representing Dehardun EIC Dr. Himangshu Das, Director and other officials of the Institute were also attended the meeting in virtual mode. The video presentation made by the Institute was also highlighted of the inaugural function.
- (iii) Among the 14 centres, Institute's Cross Disability Early Intervention Centre was also inaugurated on this occasion. The aim of the Centre is to provide necessary support and timely intervention to young children (age group of 0-6 years) so that they do not face challenging situations later, due to their initial developmental lags.
- (iv) As a part of India @75 National celebration and flagship programme of NE India, the Institute organised "5th North-East India Fashion Week (NEIFW) 2021-The Dyangjan Movement: Empowering the specially-abled towards and inclusive India" on 24th and 25th July, 2021 through virtual mode. The programme was inaugurated by Dr.Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment. Other dignitaries present on this occasion were Ms. Pratima Bhoumik, Hon'ble Minister of State, Social Justice and Empowerment; Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of State, Social Justice and Empowerment and Ms. Anjali Bhawra Secretary-DEPwD.

- (v) The event caters to the Divyangyan populace and stakeholders from the North-East to promote the arts and artisans of North-East India. It also aims to empower and uplift the Divyangjan from the various tribes and ethnic groups of North-East and to encourage the textile and craft industry to take an inclusive approach. With an inclusionary approach towards Divyangjan, this event targets to enrich the Make-in-India movement by mainstreaming Divyangjan along with promoting the indigenous culture and art-forms of North-East India. The event was attended by 290 participants.
- (vi) The Institute took an imitative to start Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) programme. This program was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister and in the presence of Secretary DEPwD , Joint Secretary DEPwD and Director NIEPVD , IPH on 30th October 2021. The CBID programme (1st batch) was started during this year.
- (vii) Under the Central Sector Scheme of "Support for Establishment/ Modernization/ Capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses." Up to December 2021, the Institute has established 13 new Braille Presses, 12 Braille were modernised and 03 Braille Printing Presses were augmented.
- (viii) Accessible audio & videos with sign languages on COVID-19 awareness are developed by the Institute and uploaded on the Institute's Website.
- (ix) The Institute established sales outlet through which nursery developed by the Divyangjan was sold. The products produced by the PwDs were sold through the outlet on different occasions contributing to the institute's internal accruals. The Institute also established a Mushroom Unit in February, 2021 in order to start a new skill development course "Mushroom Grower" from the next session. The course is aligned/customised for Persons with Disabilities and is NSQF compliant.
- (x) Mushroom harvesting was successfully completed during the period under report. They were sold through the institute's permanent sale outlet of the products produced by the persons with visual impairment at NIEPVD Headquarter contributing to the internal accruals.
- (xi) Printed Dummy Ballet Papers in Braille for bi-election of one parliament constituency and 3 Assembly constituencies in H.P; 02 Assembly constituencies in Bihar and 01 Assembly Constituency in Haryana were printed. In all, total 6,652 dummy ballet papers in Braille were printed by the Institute's Central Braille Press and Institute also played a very proactive role in creating awareness for the voters (PwVI) and printed voter guide in Braille for upcoming Elections-2022 for the States of U.P & Uttrakhand.



Virtual Inauguration of 14 Early Intervention Centres by Dr. Thaawar Chand Gehlot Hon'ble Union Minister, (SJ&E) and in presence of Shri Ram Das Athawale, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (SJ&E), Sh. Krishna Pal Gujjar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (SJ&E) and other dignitaries on 17th June, 2021.



Virtual Inauguration of “5th North-East India Fashion Week (NEIFW) 2021 by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon’ble Union Minister, SJ&E & Km. Pratima Bhoumik, Hon’ble Minister of State, SJ&E; Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Hon’ble Minister of State, SJ&E; Shri Ramdas Athawale, Hon’ble Minister of State, SJ&E and Ms. Anjali Bhawra Secretary, DEPwD on 24th and 25th July, 2021.

7.6 Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai (AYJNISHD(D))

Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan) (AYJNISHD (D)), Mumbai was established on August 9, 1983 primarily to deal with the various aspects of rehabilitation of the Individuals with speech and hearing disabilities in the country. The Institute has four Regional Centres located at Kolkata, Secunderabad, Janla and Noida and also three Composite Regional Centers for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC) at Bhopal, Ahmedabad and Nagpur.

During the year 2021-22 (upto December, 2021) AYJNISHD(D) served 20590 new cases, 40943 follow up cases and 235120 support services. Under ADIP Scheme, the institute distributed 11418 hearing aids to 7641 persons with hearing impairment. Under Cochlear Implantation, a total of 517 cochlear surgeries took place under the scheme, of which 490 were under ADIP and 27 were under CSR. All the children who underwent surgery are attending post-CI intervention at the empanelled rehabilitation centers near their place of residence.

7.6.1 Aims and Objectives:

- (i) To conduct, sponsor, coordinate or subsidize research into all aspects of education and rehabilitation of the persons with hearing impairment.
- (ii) To undertake, sponsor, coordinate or subsidize research into biomedical engineering leading to the effective evaluation of aids or suitable surgical or medical procedures or development of new aids.
- (iii) To undertake or sponsor the training of trainees, teachers, employment officers, psychologists, vocational counselors and such other personnel as may be deemed necessary by the Institute for promoting education, training and rehabilitation of the persons with hearing impairment.
- (iv) To distribute or promote or subsidize the manufacture of prototypes and distribution of any or all aids designed to promote any aspect of education, rehabilitation and therapy for persons with hearing impairment.

7.6.2 Services offered:

- (i) Evaluation and diagnosis of hearing, speech and language impairment
- (ii) Selection and fitting of hearing aids and ear moulds
- (iii) Psychological evaluation
- (iv) Educational evaluation and Guidance
- (v) Psychotherapy and behavior therapy
- (vi) Parent guidance and counseling
- (vii) Pre-school and Early Intervention
- (viii) Continual education through NIOS
- (ix) Outreach and extension services
- (x) Parent Empowerment Programmes
- (xi) Vocational Guidance & placement
- (xii) Speech & language therapy
- (xiii) Cochlear Implant Support
- (xiv) Toll free Disability Information Line

7.6.3 Regional Centres and Composite Regional Centres

Regional Centers of the Institute have been established at Kolkata (1984), Noida (1986) Secunderabad (1986), Janla, Odisha (1986) and Training Centre for the Adult Deaf, Hyderabad (1986). Composite Regional Centers for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities at Bhopal, Ahmedabad and Nagpur are functioning under the Administrative control of AYJNISHD (D) since 2006, 2011 and 2020 respectively. These Centres are aimed at for meeting the local and regional needs in terms of manpower development and clinical services to all 21 categories of disabilities.

7.6.4 New Initiative and Events:

- (i) AYJNISHD (D)'s participation in World Hearing Day 2021 was recognized by the World Health Organization. The activities undertaken by the institute will be included in the First World Report on Hearing.
- (ii) Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Thaawar Chand Gehlot, in presence of Ministers of State : Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar & Shri Ramdas Athawale virtually inaugurated 14 Cross Disability Early Identification and Intervention Centres (CDEIC) in various parts of the country on 17th June 2021. The vision for setting up the EIC is Early identification and intervention of a disability for a holistic growth and development of a child. Among these 14 includes the centre at Mumbai in the premises of Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech & Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD (D) in Mumbai and it's Composite Regional Centre at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. AYJNISHD(D) received Letter of Appreciation from Hon. Minister Shri. Ramdas Athawale, Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment , Govt. of India for CDEIC
- (iii) AYJNISHD(D) invited Research proposals from staff and students of the Institute/RCS/CRCs and High Achievers in Sports and Arts among deaf and hard of hearing persons for award from the interest accrued on the SARRAM funds. Ms. Ravali Mathur, Lecturer, Dept. of Speech Lang. Pathology, won the Best Research Proposal among staff while Mr. K.K. Banerjee and Mr. S. Dey won Best Research Proposal among students. Mr. Naman Mahipal won High Achievers Award in Arts (Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and Mr. Prithvi Sekhar won High Achievers Award in Sports (Deaf & Hard of Hearing).

- (iv) AYJNISHD(D) initiated Parent Orientation Training Programme Series which focus on the holistic development of divyangjan children by following life span approach.
- (v) AYJNISHD(D) conducted webinar for promoting vaccination to prevent COVID-19 among divyangjan.
- (vi) AYJNISHD(D) celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June, 2021 by organising National Webinar on “Saplings of Hope: New Beginning”. Shri. Ramdas Athawale, Hon. Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest. During the programme, Tree Plantation and distribution of saplings to Divyangjan was done.



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- (vii) AYJNISHD(D) got recognition from RCI for starting CBID Programme and launched the programme during this year. Virtual inauguration of the first Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) course of the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi (RCI) in collaboration with the University of Melbourne, Australia was done by Honorable Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE) Dr. Virendra Kumar on 30th October, 2021. Wherein he had interaction with Director of the institute Dr. Suni Mathew, faculties and the students of the CBID course.
- (viii) AYJNISHD(D) organised opening ceremony of Early Intervention Units sponsored by Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. at Mumbai Head Quarters.
- (ix) Faculty of the institute contributed by writing in UNESCO’s document on “Policy Responsiveness for Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the Context of COVID-19 Pandemic”.
- (x) On the occasion of India @75, AYJNISHD(D) organized a National Level webinar on “Welfare Schemes for Divyangjan under DEPWD, MSJE : Empowerment of NGOs”. More than 96 NGOs participated in the webinar.
- (xi) AYJNISHD(D) signed an Memorandum of Understanding with PRATHAM Mumbai for developing curricular framework for Cross disability early intervention cum preparatory school Divyangjan children below 6 yrs . This is the first of its kind in India.

- (xii) Smt. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary , DEPwDs , MSJE , New Delhi released the Book “Journey into the Hearing World” Stories of 75 children with cochlear implants under ADIP scheme as a part of Celebrating India @ 75 .



Release of the Book “ Journey into the Hearing World” Stories of 75 children with cochlear implants under ADIP scheme by Smt. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary , DEPwDs , MSJE , New Delhi

7.7 National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID, Divyangjan)

The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID, Divyangjan) is a registered society established in the year 1984 as an autonomous body under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The institute is an apex body having tripartite functions of training, research and services in the field of Intellectual Disability in the country. For 38 years, the Institute has been making significant advances in building capacities to empower persons with Intellectual Disability.

NIEPID strives to be an Institute of excellence focusing on high standards in every aspect of its functioning to bring equality and dignity in the lives of persons with Intellectual Disability (PwID) which is endorsed by ISO 9001:2015 certification.

7.7.1 Aims and Objectives

- (i) To create manpower and develop Human Resources for delivery of services to Persons with Intellectual Disability.
- (ii) To identify, conduct and coordinate research in the area of Intellectual Disability in the country.
- (iii) To develop appropriate models of care and habilitation for persons with Intellectual Disability suitable to Indian culture.
- (iv) To provide consultancy services to voluntary organizations in the area of Intellectual Disability.
- (v) To serve as a documentation and information centre in the area of Intellectual Disability.
- (vi) To develop community-based rehabilitation services in the rural and low-income needy population.
- (vii) To undertake extension and outreach programmes in the field of Intellectual Disability.

7.7.2 Services Offered at NIEPID and Regional Centres for Persons with IDs

(i) Medical Services

- Early Intervention Services
- Physiotherapy/ Orthopaedics
- Biochemistry
- Speech & Audiology services
- Electroencephalogram (EEG)
- Multiple Disability
- Nutrition
- Hydrotherapy
- Neurology/ Dental
- Homeopathy

(ii) Special Education

- PMR Unit
- Respite Care
- Autism

- Multi-sensory
- Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI)
 - ▶ Group activity
 - ▶ Mobile services
 - ▶ Yoga
 - ▶ Respite Care services
 - ▶ Family Cottage services
 - ▶ Psychological Assessment
 - ▶ Behaviour Modification
 - ▶ Parent counselling
 - ▶ Vocational Assessment
 - ▶ Vocational Guidance & Information
 - ▶ Vocational Guidance & Counselling
 - ▶ Workstation (Vocational Training)
 - ▶ Occupational Therapy
 - ▶ Community outreach programmes
 - ▶ Northeast activities
 - ▶ Distribution of TLMs

7.7.3 Services Offered at Composite Regional Centres for Persons with Disabilities

(i) Psychological Assessment

- Orientation & Mobility Training
- Physiotherapy /Services
- Rehabilitation Services
- Speech & Audiology services

(ii) Special Education

- Orthotic & Prosthetic services
- Vocational Training
- Medical Services
- Parent Training Programme

(iii) Occupational Therapy

- Skill Development Programme
- Awareness Programme

7.7.4 Regional Centres & Composite Regional Centres

There are four Regional Centres each located at New Delhi, Noida, Kolkata and Navi Mumbai. NIEPID has a Model Special Education Centre in New Delhi and Noida. The three Composite Regional Centres for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities are located at Nellore, Rajnandgaon and Davangere are working under the administrative control of NIEPID.

7.7.5 New Initiatives and Events:

(i) Visit of Hon'ble Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu to CRC Nellore:

Hon'ble Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India visited Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC Nellore) on 13 Nov. 2021. During the visit of Hon'ble Vice President reviewed the activities of CRC Nellore including Skill Development Unit, Early Intervention Centre and other activities of Composite Regional Centre. He also visited the stalls setup by NIEPID, ALIMCO, NHFDC, NSCFDC and NBCFDC under Ministry Of Social Justice & Empowerment and AP State Govt. Hon'ble Vice President distributed TLM kits, aids and appliances to about 100 beneficiaries, Certificate of loans were awarded to beneficiaries worth of Rs 32.40 lakhs.



Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, visited CRC Nellore on 13th Nov, 2021.

(ii) Inauguration of CBID course:

Inauguration of CBID course by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Cabinet Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment in presence of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary MSJ&E and Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary MSJ&E through virtual mode on 30th October 2021.



Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Thaawar Chand Gehlot on 17th June 2021

(iii) Visit of Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Hon'ble Lt Governor of Puducherry Dr (Smt) Tamilisai Soundararajan to NIEPID Secunderabad on the Occasion of International Day of PwDs:

Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Hon'ble Lt Governor of Puducherry Dr (Smt) Tamilisai Soundararajan visited NIEPID Secunderabad on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities as Chief Guest on 3rd December 2021. She was very appreciative of the facilities and services being provided at NIEPID and also lauded the Divyangjan for the excellent display of cultural programs. Hon'ble Governor gave away awards to the PWIDs who excelled in different walks of life and distributed TLMs and aids and appliances to the identified beneficiaries. The Regional Centres of other NIs NIEPVD, PDDUNIPPD, AYJNISHD, and ALIMCO have set up stalls and participated in the function.

(iv) Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Bhavan (Hostel Building) inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister Dr.Thaaawar Chand Gehlot, MSJ&E on 9th June 2021 through virtual mode:

Dr .B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan (Hostel Building) inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr.Thaaawar Chand Gehlot on 9th June 2021 at 2.30 pm through virtual mode in the august presence of Hon'ble State Ministers for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Ramdas Athawale and Shri Rattan Lal Kataria. Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India and Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India and Shri B.V.Ram Kumar, Director (Offg), NIEPID.



Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Bhavan inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr.Thaaawar Chand Gehlot on 9th June, 2021

(v) Secretary visited to NIEPID, Secunderabad:

Ms Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD, MSJE, GOI visited NIEPID HQ Secunderabad on 06 September 2021 and reviewed the activities of the institute. She also released the Comprehensive Vocational assessment tool for assessing vocational skill Abilities in PWIDs , which was a research project outcome of NIEPID, and distributed Laptops and TLM kits to eligible beneficiaries She also reviewed the activities of SRC AYJNISHD, RC of PDUNIPPD and RC of NIEPVD. She also visited three NGOs who are getting Grants from Ministry under DDRS scheme and Garunda scheme of National Trust.



Ms Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD, MSJE, GOI visited NIEPID HQ Secunderabad on 06 September 2021

(vi) Covid-19 Vaccination programme conducted at NIEPID, Secunderabad:

NIEPID organized vaccination drive (COVISHIELD vaccine) on 27th, 29th July and 29th November 2021 PwDs at, NIEPID, Secunderabad. A total of 356 PwDs children got the vaccine during the vaccination drive.

(vii) Haritha Haaram Programme at NIEPID, Secunderabad:

Haritha Haaram - Inauguration of Horticulture & Floriculture Skill Development Unit for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities with concept of inclusion by Shri B.V.Ram Kumar, Director (Offg), NIEPID on 31st July at NIEPID campus, Secunderabad with the collaboration of Pallavi Model School as part of creation inclusive environment to maintain environmental stability and ecological balance. Parents of PwIDs, NIEPID staff and students of Pallavi Model school & staff are participated in the programme.

(viii) TLM kits Distribution by Hon'ble Minister Shri A. Narayanaswamy on 19 August 2021 at CRC Davanagere & Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD at NIEPID, Secunderabad:

Hon'ble Minister Shri A. Narayanaswamy on 19 August 2021 at CRC Davanagere & Dr Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, EC Member distributed the TLM kits to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities at NIEPID Auditorium on 22.10.2021. Shri K.V.S.Rao, Director, NIs, Shri B V Ram Kumar, Director (Offg.), NIEPID, Shri Nachiketa Rout, Director, NIEPMD and EC Members Dr. Nandini Bandikatla and Shri Sudeep Goyal also distributed the TLM kits during the programme.



TLM kits distributed by Hon'ble Minister Shri A. Narayanaswamy on 19 August 2021 at CRC Davanagere

(ix) Inauguration of Regional Centre Building, Navi Mumbai & Virtual Inauguration of NILD Building:

Shri Ramdas Athawale, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India inaugurated the NIEPID Regional Center Building at Sector 5, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai on 24.12.2021. Shri Shrirang Chandu Barne, Hon'ble MP, Moval Constituency, Maharashtra, Smt Anjali Bhawra, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of India, Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, Shri B V Ram Kumar Director (Offg.) NIEPID and other dignitaries attended and graced the inaugural programme. Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India Km. Pratima Bhoumik, visited NIEPID Regional Centre, Kolkata on 24th December 2021, on the Occasion of virtual inauguration of NIEPID RC Mumbai & NILD Building and also Hon'ble Minister Km. Pratima Bhoumik inaugurated the Ability Mela of Adult Persons with Intellectual Disabilities cum Exhibition organised by NIEPID Regional Centre, Kolkata on 24th December 2021.



Inauguration of Regional Centre Building at Navi Mumbai on 24 Dec, 2021 by Hon'ble MoS, SJ&E, Govt. of India Shri Ramdas Athawale

(xi) Rashtriya Ekta Diwas & Observation of Constitution Day::

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge taking ceremony conducted on 31 October 2021 at 11.30 am. The Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was observed as “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)”.

NIEPID observed “Constitution Day” on 26.11.2021 on the occasion. All the staff, Guest faculty, some of the parents and Students participated and Preamble of Constitution Day was read along with Hon'ble President Shri Ramnath Kovind ji. The live program was streamed at Auditorium, NIEPID HQ. Indian Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas) at RCs and CRCs also was observed.

(xii) Eye and Dental Screening Camp:

Eye and Dental Screening Camp conducted “On the Occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities” on 1st and 2nd December 2021 at CRC Nellore and 196 PWDs and their parents benefited from this screening camp.

Eye and Dental Screening Camp conducted “On the Occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities” on 2nd and 3rd December 2021 at CRC Nellore and 72 PWDs and their parents benefited from this screening camp.

(xiii) Organization of a Webinar to create awareness programme on Sexual Harassment Act commemorating the 8th Anniversary of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 :

The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities organised a Webinar to create awareness programme on Sexual Harassment Act commemorating the 8th Anniversary of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 on 9th December, 2021. Shri P.Pankaj Reddy, Advocate of High Court of Hyderabad, Telangana was invited as Speaker on the occasion. He apprised the staff members on various the Provisions of the Act and highlighted as to what forms a sexual harassment, the mechanism available for Redressal of complaints, constitution of Internal Complaints Committee, penalty, etc. A total of 64 staff members of NIEPID including its regional centres attended the programme through online.

(xiv) Facilitated 90 parents of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities to apply online subsidized loans on behalf of their PwIDs from the Department of Adult Independent Living (DAIL) to promote self supported employment Avenues.

7.7.6 Action taken in response to Covid-19:

- All the regular staff and guest staff are attending the duty on working days from 1st July, 2021 as per office order.
- The Institute has created a Toll-free number for the benefit of parents of PwIDs to avail tele-call services in any field relating to Intellectual Disability. This has been very useful for the parents who seek services especially during the Pandemic situation where the clients were unable to reach the professionals directly in view of lockdown. All the follow-up services are being availed through telephone. A helpline no **18005726422** was created on 25.05.2020 at NIEPID during lockdown period.
- Practices of social distancing norms, health and hygiene practices as enunciated in the Govt. of India guidelines are being adhered to and orders issued by Govt. of India preventing spread of Novel Corona virus are being complied with.
- Sanitizers are provided at the entrance area and thermal screening is being done at the entrance gate.
- It is ensured that all the staffs wear the masks without fail at all times in the office premises.
- Meetings and short term training programs are being conducted online apart from Webinars.
- Therapeutic services, psychological intervention required and distribution of medicines are being provided to the needy cases attending the institute by the concerned staff.

7.7.7 Steps taken to promote COVID appropriate behaviour in NIs/CRCs:

- (i) All clients entering NIEPID for services will be screened at Main gate by security and ensure that all the clients and the accompanying person are wearing proper Mask, checking of temperature and proper sanitization of hands.
- (ii) To avoid crowding in general services we are allowing only one accompanying person with the client.
- (iii) Strict Sanitization is being done at general services and ensuring that the Door knobs, Railings, Floors, Wash rooms and Chairs are being sanitized twice a day.

- (iv) To avoid crowding of clients attending services at NIEPID tokens are given to clients.
- (v) Drugs which are given to clients are being distributed outside the general services in waiting area to avoid crowding.
- (vi) All the therapy materials used by professionals and clients are being sanitized after each client's assessment and usage.

7.7.8 Steps taken to facilitate PwIDs in uptake to vaccines:

All assistance is being given by the Institute to PWD for making an appointment on COWIN app. Also special vaccination camps are being conducted in the campus for PwIDs and their parents.

7.8 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN) (NIEPMD), CHENNAI

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divynangjan) (NIEPMD) was established in the year 2005 at Muttukudu, Chennai, Tamil Nadu to fulfill the objective of serving as a national resource centre for empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities.

7.8.1 Aim and Objectives:

- i. To undertake development of human resource for management, training, rehabilitation, education, employment and social development of persons with Multiple Disabilities.
- ii. To promote and conduct research in all areas relating to Multiple Disabilities.
- iii. To develop Trans disciplinary models and strategies for social rehabilitation and to meet the needs of diverse groups of people with Multiple Disabilities.
- iv. To undertake services and outreach programmes for the persons with Multiple Disabilities.

7.8.2 Services offered

(i) Medical

- ▶ Medical Intervention & Referrals
- ▶ Super Specialty Clinical services like
 - Neurology,
 - Neurosurgery
 - Psychiatry
 - Ophthalmology
 - Dental
 - ENT
 - Homoeopathy
- ▶ Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- ▶ Outpatient Homoeopathy Clinic

(ii) Educational

- ▶ Special School (Model School for Persons with Multiple Disabilities) includes
 - Unit of Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - Unit of Cerebral Palsy
 - Unit of Deafblind
 - Unit of Early Childhood
 - Unit of Sever Profound Multiple Disabilities
 - Unit of Transition Cell &
 - Play School
- ▶ Special Education services by providing consultation to Parents of children with Disabilities who cannot attend model school
- ▶ Parent Empowerment program

(iii) Rehabilitation

- ▶ Early Intervention Services
- ▶ Physiotherapy
- ▶ Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Sensory Integration Therapy
- ▶ Prosthetics & Orthotics
- ▶ Audiological Evaluation
- ▶ Speech & Language Intervention
- ▶ Psychological Intervention
- ▶ Guidance and Counseling
- ▶ Adult Independent Living
- ▶ Mobile Services
- ▶ Day Care Centre
- ▶ Community/Out Reach program.
- ▶ Distribution of Aids & Appliances
- ▶ Family cottage services
- ▶ Documentation and Dissemination services
- ▶ Respite care services
- ▶ Toll free Helpline

(iv) Regional Centre and Composite Regional Centers

There are three Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities at Kozhikode, Shillong, and Andaman & Nicobar Island are functioning under the Administrative control of NIEPMD.

7.8.3 New Activities

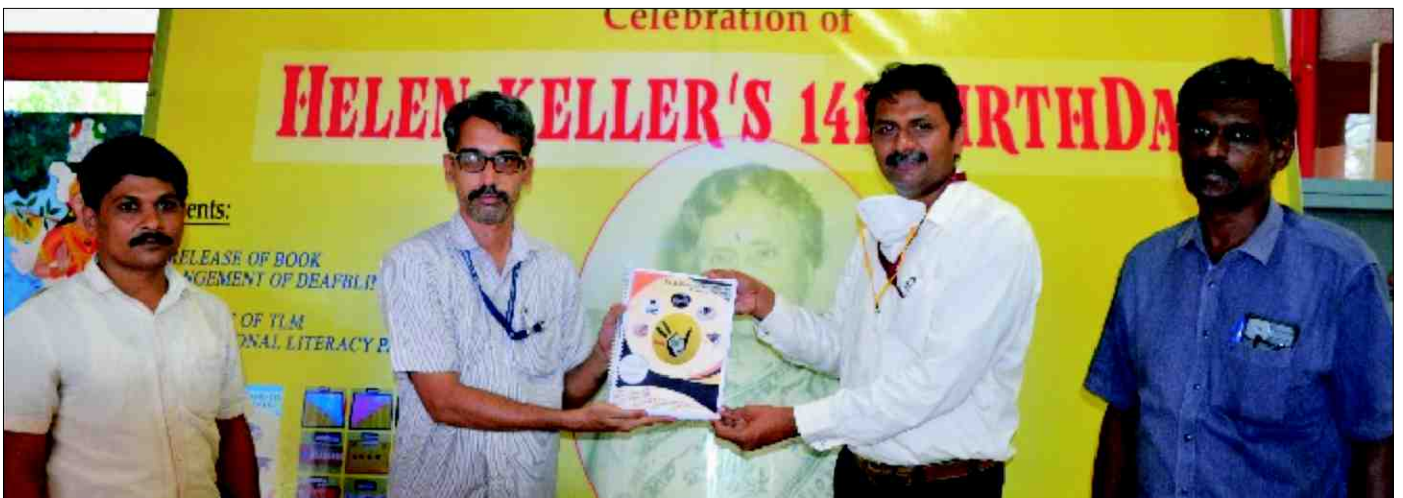
- a. Inauguration of Skill Training Program on “Domestic Data Entry Operator” The Department of Adult Independent Living (DAIL) of NIEPMD ambitiously

introduced an exclusive Skill Training Programme titled ‘Domestic Data Entry Operator’ for the persons with disabilities towards promotion of vocational skills focusing economic independence. The training will prepare persons with disabilities to avail 4% job reservations notified in the gazette. The course covered under the Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) and approved by the Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD). About 10 Person with Disabilities have enrolled to this course.

- b. Inauguration of Skill Training Program on “Hand Embroidery” The Department of Adult Independent Living (DAIL) of NIEPMD energetically introduced an exclusive Skill Training Programme titled ‘Hand Embroidery’ for Adult Girls with Disabilities towards Promotion of Vocational Skills focusing over economic independence and social inclusion on 1st December 2021. This training prepares them to avail 4% Job Reservations notified in the Gazette as well as make them to lead independent life with gainful income. The Experts from Apparel Industry invited for imparting technical knowledge. This course comes under the Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) and the curriculum was approved by the Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD). About 10 Adult Girls with Disabilities have enrolled in this course.



Nutritional Health Mix sponsored by Mobis India foundation under CSR Initiative on 9th June 2021



Release of Book on “Management of Deaf blindness” (Helen Keller’s Birth Day Celebration) on 27th June 2021

7.9 Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)

The Government established Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) at New Delhi as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, in September, 2015.

7.9.1 Objectives

The main objectives of the Centre are as follows:

- (i) To develop manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign language (ISL) including bilingualism (i.e. sign language + writing).
- (ii) To promote the use of Indian Sign Language as an educational mode for hearing impaired students at primary, secondary and higher education levels. The Institute shall work out modalities with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and State Education Departments.
- (iii) To carry out research in collaboration with universities and other educational institutions in India and abroad, and create linguistic records/analysis of the ISL, including creation of Indian Sign Language corpus (vocabulary).
- (iv) To orient and train various groups, i.e. government officials, teachers, professionals, community leaders and the public at large for understanding and using Indian Sign Language.
- (v) To collaborate with organizations of the Deaf and other institutions in the field of disability to promote and propagate Indian Sign Language.
- (vi) To collect information relating to sign language, used in other parts of the world, so that their inputs can be utilized for upgrading the Indian Sign Language.

7.9.1.1 To realize the aims and objectives, ISLRTC conducts activities in the following domains:-

- (i) Academic activities
- (ii) Interpreter services
- (iii) Resource development & dissemination
- (iv) Trainings, workshops and awareness sessions

7.9.2 New Initiatives & Events:

- (i) ISLRTC had signed a MoU with National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi, on 06th October 2020 with the objective of translating the textbooks of classes I – XII into ISL. In the first phase, ISLRTC completed the translation of 04 subjects of classes I to V. Total 310 chapters of 20 textbooks of classes I-V have been converted into 490 ISL videos with audio, pictures and captioning in collaboration with Central Institute of Education Technology, NCERT. ISLRTC launched the ISL e-content of NCERT textbooks of classes I-V in the Sign Language day programme held on 23rd September 2021 and the content has been made available for free on DIKSHA portal.
- (ii) ISLRTC's Placement Committee successfully conducted three webinars on the theme of employment opportunities for ISL interpreters, ISL instructors and persons with hearing disabilities on 18th June 2021, 25th June 2021 and 30th November 2021. The total viewership of the webinars is 5,486 views on YouTube.
- (iii) ISLRTC provided interpretation services for DD Bharati channel for the live broadcast of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address on the occasion of 75th Independence Day program Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) on 15th August 2021 and for the broadcast of the Hon'ble President of India's address on 14th August 2021. In addition, ISLRTC also provided interpreting service for the

Hon'ble Prime Minister for inaugural function of Shikshak Parb on 07th September 2021.

- (iv) On the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, ISLRTC's staff and students recorded the National Anthem in Indian Sign Language and uploaded the video on the rashtragaan. in portal. The video was also shared on ISLRTC's social media and has over 2 million views and 2 lakh likes on Facebook. The video is available at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/islrtc/videos/786316048732183/>
- (v) ISLRTC celebrated Sign Language Day on 23rd September 2021. Dr. Virender Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, was the Chief Guest. Sh. A Narayanaswamy and Km. Pratima Bhoumik, Ministers of State for SJ&E, were Guests of Honour for the programme. In the programme, a documentary about the journey of ISLRTC was shown.
- (vi) To commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and to celebrate Sign Language Day, the Centre conducted the 4th ISL Competition on the theme "India@75: Celebrating 75 years of India's Independence" on a national level. The purpose of the Competition is to showcase the skills of deaf students in storytelling, essay telling, etc. in ISL. Entries were invited from deaf students studying in classes I-XII across India and students of DISLI and DTISL courses. The results of the Competition were announced in the Sign Language Day programme on 23rd September 2021.
- (vii) ISLRTC celebrated International Week of the Deaf from 27th September to 01st October 2021 by conducting online awareness sessions on ISL at 9 different venues across the country including Uttarakhand Open University, Raipur Airport, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) New Delhi, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal, Samagra Shiksha, Assam and DEPwD, MSJE. The total number of participants in the sessions was approx. 650 and included college students, special educators, block resource persons, parents,
- (viii) ISLRTC successfully conducted a webinar on "Information and Communicational Accessibility for Persons with Hearing Impairment in COVID-19 Pandemic" on 28th July 2021. In the webinar, the Centre highlighted the videos prepared by ISLRTC on COVID-19 in ISL. Link for the webinar was: <https://youtu.be/MtOTRKiIAA>.



Launching of ISL e-content of NCERT text books on 23rd September 2021



ISLRTC's staff and students performing the National Anthem in Indian Sign Language on 10th August 2021



Conduct of ISL awareness session at Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, MSJE, in the course of celebration of the International Week of the Deaf on 30th September 2021



Celebration of Sign Language Day on 23rd September 2021

7.10 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION (NIMHR) SEHORE, MADHYA PRADESH

National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) has been set up at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh which has been registered as a society under Madhya Pradesh Society Registration Act, 1973 on 28th May 2019, with the objective of promoting mental health rehabilitation using an integrated multidisciplinary approach and developing trained professionals in the area of mental health rehabilitation. Building of the Institute is being constructed at Sehore on a piece of 25 acre of land allotted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh along Bhopal-Indore highway in Madhya Pradesh.

At present NIMHR is functional from a temporary accommodation provided by the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh at 'Old Zila Panchayat Bhawan', Sehore. It is providing rehabilitation and clinical services & also runs Certificate Course in Care Giving (CCCG Mental Health), Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation (DCBR) and Diploma in Vocational Rehabilitation- Intellectual Disability (DVR-ID).

7.10.1 Aims & Objectives:

- (i) Rehabilitation services for the Persons with Mental Illness and developing standards for mental health rehabilitation.
- (ii) Develop human resources for the field of mental health rehabilitation.
- (iii) Engage in policy framing and advance research.

7.10.2 Services:

- Psychological assessment like IQ testing
- Personality assessment
- Psychological intervention or Psychotherapy
- Psychiatric treatment & Psychiatric nursing care
- Occupational therapy

7.10.3 New Initiatives & Events:

- (i) Successful Commencement of following courses running at Institute for the Academic session 2020-2021:
 - a) Certificate Course in Care Giving – Mental Health (CCCG)
 - b) Diploma in vocational rehabilitation - Intellectual disability (DVR-ID)
 - c) Diploma In Community Based Rehabilitation (DCBR)
- (ii) Observation of International Yoga Day 2021 from 21th to 25th June 2021 and organized different activities like Quiz Competition, Poster Competition, and Speech Competition etc were organized to create awareness on Mental and Physical Wellbeing.
- (iii) Organized a virtual program / webinar on the occasion of 7th International Day of Yoga 2021 to make people aware about benefits of Yoga on mental and physical well being.
- (iv) On the occasion of “Learning Disability Week” webinar was organized by NIMHR on the topic “Identification and Intervention of Children with Learning Disabilities at Home: Caregivers Perspective” on 17 th June 2021.
- (v) In continuation of observing the Learning Disability Week organized a National level Continuous Rehabilitation Education and Training (CRE) on Diagnosis, Intervention and management of Learning Disabilities collaboration of CRC, Lucknow.

- (vi) On the occasion of “International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking” webinar was organized by NIMHR on topic “Mental Health Problems due to Drug Use: Myths and Facts” on 25 th June 2021.
- (vii) On the occasion of “Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day” webinar was organized by NIMHR on topic “Coping with Grief & Loss” on date 27th June 2021.
- (viii) On 4th July 2021 Dr Thaawar Chand Gehlot Hon’ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India visited the site of NIMHR at Sehore. He reviewed construction work & the progress of academics and services of the NIMHR.
- (ix) On the Occasion of Rashtriya Poshan Maah (September, 2021) various awareness programs were organized offline and online from 1st to 21th September 2021.
- (x) International Day of Older Persons 2021 was observed with the collaboration of National Health Mission, M.P. on 1 st Oct. 2021.
- (xi) On the occasion of World Maternal Mental Health Day webinar was organized by NIMHR on topic “Helping Mothers, Helping babies - Journeys to recovery.” on 6th May 2021.



Joint Secretary of DEPwD & Director NIMHR with Principal Secretary, Social Justice & Disabled welfare Govt of M.P. along with Commissioner Disability Govt of M.P. Inaugurating the pogramme flyer on the Occasion of World Mental Health Day 2021

- (xii) On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, Week & Month we organized series of online and in-house programs on the theme of “Mental Health in an Unequal World” 5th October to 29th October 2021. In this 22 online webinar, talk sessions, panel discussion and training programs were organized in collaboration with different National Institutes and Composite Regional Centers.
- (xiii) On 14th Nov. 2021 Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon’ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India visited the site of NIMHR at Sehore. He reviewed construction work & the progress of academics and services of the Institute.
- (xiv) International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2021 was observed offline on 2nd and 3rd Dec.2021 in collaboration with “Social justice & Empowerment ; disabled welfare department, Sehore, Govt. of M.P” at NIMHR & P.G College, Sehore. Various competitions and activities were organized for persons/children with disabilities.



Observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2021 in collaboration with “Deptt. of Social justice & Empowerment ; Disabled Welfare Department, Sehore, Govt. of M.P”

7.11 Details of Long Term Courses run by NIs and CRCs for the year 2021-22 are at Annexure – 6



Awareness of MHRH- Kiran and handing over the poster of Kiran to the Collector Sehore by Dr. Prabodh Seth, Joint Secretary, DEPwD & Director NIMHR

SCHEMES OF THE DEPARTMENT

Overview

The Department is operating various schemes for empowerment and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. The schemes aim to promote physical, psychological, social, educational and economic rehabilitation and development of persons with disabilities to enhance their quality of life and also enable them to lead a life with dignity. The major schemes for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities are:

8.1 Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) / District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC)

8.1.1 Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)

Objectives

- (i) DDRS is a central sector scheme of the Department to provide grant-in-aid to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for projects relating to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities aimed at enabling persons with disabilities to reach and maintain their optimal, physical, sensory, intellectual, psychiatric or socio-functional levels
- (ii) To create an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- (iii) To encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

8.1.2 Activities/components admissible for grant under DDRS

- (i) Honorarium to staff
- (ii) Transportation of beneficiaries
- (iii) Stipend for beneficiaries/hostel maintenance
- (iv) Cost of Raw Materials
- (v) Contingencies to meet office expenses, electricity, water charges and Rent

8.1.3 Eligibility conditions for Grants under DDRS.

- Organisations registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 or Public Trust Act or a non-profit company under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013;
- In existence for a minimum period of two years.
- Registered under Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995/ Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- Registered on the Niti Aayog Portal, NGO – Darpan.
- Properly constituted managing body, facilities & experience for undertaking the project, not to run for profit to any individual or a body of individual.

8.1.4 Procedures for monitoring the Scheme

- (i) Grant released only on receipt of Utilization Certificate in respect of previous grant given to that organisation.
- (ii) Respective State Governments/UT Administrations monitor and conduct inspection of the organisations receiving grant under the Scheme.
- (iii) Department also conducts inspection from time to time of NGOs getting grants under the Scheme through its National Institutes and officers of the Department.

- (iv) All applications by NGOs seeking Grant-in-aid (GIA) under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) are being invited through on-line e-anudaan portal of the Ministry.

8.1.5 Details of financial and physical achievements in the last three years and current year under the DDRS:

Year	Financial Outlay/Achievement (Rs. in crores)			Physical Achievement	
	BE	RE	Actual Expenditure	No. of NGOs assisted	No. of beneficiaries
2018-19	70.00	70.00	70.00	543	41803
2019-20	75.00	105.00	101.66	432	38004
2020-21	130.00	85.00	77.42	340	31542
2021-22 (as on 31.12.2021)	125.00	105.00	39.35	185	16266

8.1.6 The Provisions of the revised scheme

Revised Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) implemented w.e.f. 1st April, 2018. The list of model projects under revised DDRS has been reduced from 18 to 9. Main features of the scheme are as under:-

- A.** The cost norms of the scheme have been enhanced by 2.5 times.
- B.** The eligible Project Implementing Agencies (NGOs), after their project is approved by the competent authority shall be entitled for 90% of amount calculated based on the cost-norms as prescribed under this revised scheme. In case of projects located in “Special Areas” 100% of the amount calculated based on revised cost norms shall be allowed.

“Special Areas” are defined as under:

- 8 North-Eastern States,
- States in the Himalayan Region (J&K, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh),
- Left Wing Extremism Affected Districts (as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time)- 90 Districts are notified as on date, and
- Districts adjoining the international borders- 34 Districts.

C. There will be no tapering of Grant-in-Aid even in urban areas.

D. No. of beneficiaries:

- (i) Grant-in-aid will be calculated for the number of eligible beneficiaries who have been present in the institution for at least 15 days out of previous 30 days prior to the date of inspection. The number of such beneficiaries has to be specified by the inspecting officer in the inspection report.
- (ii) No bar on increase of number of beneficiaries provided infrastructure is available.

E. The organisation has to apply for Grant-in-Aid on the online portal of the Ministry (e-Anudaan) and forward the complete proposal to District Social Welfare Officer. Upon inspection and submission of online inspection report, the District Social Welfare Officer would forward the proposal to respective State Government/UT administration and to Government of India. If the State Government/UT administration does not decide on the proposal within 60 days, Government of India can decide on the proposal on the basis of inspection report submitted by the inspecting officer for NGOs receiving Grant-in-Aid

- F.** A Statement giving (i) States/UTs wise number of proposals received and number of proposals sanctioned, (ii) States/UTs wise Funds released under DDRS, (iii) States/UTs wise Number of beneficiaries, (iv) Grant-in-Aid released to Non-Governmental Organisation supported in the last three years and current year 2021-22 under DDRS is given at **Annexure – 7 A , Annexure-7 B, Annexure - 7 C and Annexure - 7 D.**

8.1.7 Model projects under DDRS are as under:-

I. Project for Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training (for children up to 6 years of age)-

The primary objective is to prepare infants and children upto 6 years of age for schooling in special schools and/or integration at the appropriate stage in regular schools. The project also provides for therapeutic services, day care and counseling of parents.

II. Special Schools for Children with Disabilities:

These schools are for Intellectual Disability, Hearing & Speech Disability and Visual Disability. The main thrust of special education is to develop communication skills and other sensory abilities, with the end objective varying from acquiring daily living skills to integration in regular institutions of learning and society in general. Residential facilities can also be covered under the grant.

III. Project for Children with Cerebral Palsy:

The objective is similar to projects for special schools, with more emphasis on catering to the therapeutic needs of the individual.

IV. Project for Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Persons (LCPs):

The basic aim of this project is to empower leprosy cured persons with skills to enable them to improve their socio-economic condition. The projects can include vocational training units and homes (only for severely disabled).

V. Half Way Home for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Treated and Controlled Mentally Ill Persons :

The objective of this project is to provide a facilitating mechanism for rehabilitation of persons whose mental illness is treated and controlled, after their discharge from mental hospitals/asylums. The project provides vocational training for such persons and counselling for them and their families to facilitate reintegration with the family/society. Medical advice/treatment relating to their illness is also provided so that periodic psychiatric disturbances can be managed.

VI. Home Based Rehabilitation Programme/Home Management Programme:

The objectives of this project include guidance and provision for mobility skills, development of basic communication skills and daily living skills, training and sensitization of families of children with disabilities, in the context of the home environment.

VII. Project for Community Based Rehabilitation:

The objective of this project is to rehabilitate and train disabled individuals and integrate them into their communities. The focus is on partnership between the disabled persons, families, and community and health professionals to provide needed services in a non-institutional setting, in an environment where services for disabled persons are seriously limited or

absent. These projects are particularly relevant in rural areas

VIII. Project for Low Vision Centres:

These projects provide facilities for medico-rehabilitation of persons with low vision. The centres provide identification, assessment, rehabilitation and counselling services and assist individuals with low vision to reach their maximum potential through guidance and improvement of visual efficiency.

IX. Projects for Human Resource Development:

These projects provide training for trainers in special education; develop resource centres and networking of resources in the field of rehabilitation of the disabled.

8.1.8 District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC)

8.1.8.1 Objectives of DDRC are as under:-

- (i) Early Identification and Intervention.
- (ii) Awareness Generation.
- (iii) Assessment of need/provision/fitment of assistive devices.
- (iv) Therapeutic Services e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc.
- (v) Referral and arrangement of surgical correction.
- (vi) Assistance in providing scholarships.
- (vii) Skill training, loans for self employment.
- (viii) Survey & identification of persons with disabilities through camp approach.
- (ix) Assisting in the issue of Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID)
- (x) Arrangement of loans for self employment
- (xi) To act as Outreach centre for the services provided by the National Institutes
- (xii) Promoting barrier free environment.

8.1.8.2 Status of DDRC

- (i) Number of districts approved for setting up of DDRC– One DDRC in every district of the Country
- (ii) Number of DDRC set up– 269
- (iii) Number of DDRC functioning and getting regular grant- 55-60

(iv) Activities/components admissible for grant under DDRC

Items	Pre-revised rates	Revised rates (*)
Total Honorarium	8.10	23.40
Office Expenses/contingencies	2.10	5.25
Equipments (for 1st year only for setting up)	7.00	20.00

[* 20% higher amount of honorarium is permissible for DDRCs in the Special areas/States as under]:

- 8 North-Eastern States,
- States in the Himalayan Region (J&K, Uttrakhand and Himachal Pradesh),

- Left Wing Extremism Affected Districts (as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs)- 106 Districts, and
- Districts adjoining the international borders- 34 Districts.
- (v) The implementing agencies of DDRC can be a Red Cross Society or Any such autonomous /semi-autonomous body of State/UT Govt. or A reputed NGO with a good track record
- (vi) Main features of revised DDRC scheme are as under:-
 - Revised DDRC Scheme has come into force from 1st April 2018.
 - Honorarium of staff under the scheme has been enhanced 2.5 times.
 - Grant for procurement of equipments in 1st year, i.e. during establishment of DDRC has also been increased from Rs. 7 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs.
 - Two additional posts have been created in new scheme.
 - Process for getting Grant-in-Aid simplified.
 - DDRC can rent space if not provided by State Government.
- (vii) The posts admissible for grant under DDRC is at Annexure-8 A, State/UT-wise number of DDRCs assisted, amount released during 2018-19 to 2021-22 is at Annexure-8 B, Details of Grant-in-aid released to DDRC during 2021-22 is at Annexure-8 C.

8.2 Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/ Appliances (ADIP) Scheme.

The main objective of the Scheme is to provide grants-in-aid to the various implementing agencies (National Institutes/Composite Regional Centers/Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)/District Disability Rehabilitation Centers/State Handicapped Development Corporations/other Local Bodies/NGOs) so that they are in a position to assist needy persons with disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances to promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities and at the same time enhancing their economic potential. Assistive devices are given to persons with disabilities with the aim of improving their independent functioning, and arresting the extent of disability and occurrence of secondary disability. The aids and appliances supplied under the Scheme must have due certification. The Scheme also envisages conduct of corrective surgeries, whenever required, before providing an assistive device.

8.2.1. Eligibility Criteria:

- (i) Should have 40% disablement certificate.
- (ii) Monthly income from all sources should not exceed Rs.15000/ per month for 100% concession and Rs.15001/- to Rs. 20,000/- per month for 50% concession.
- (iii) New assistive device supplied only after 3 years for the same purpose. However, for children below 12 years of age the same can be supplied after 1 year.
- (iv) Income certificate of beneficiaries staying in orphanages and half-way homes may be accepted on certification by District Collector or Head of the Organization concerned.

8.2.2. Cost Ceiling for Aids & Assistive Devices:

- (i) Aids and Appliances costing not more than Rs 10,000/-.
- (ii) In the case of students with disability, beyond IX class, the limit is Rs.12,000/.

- (iii) In case of multiple disabilities, limit will apply to individual items separately in case; more than one aid/appliance is required.
- (iv) Expensive items costing above Rs.20,000/-, eligible for assistance under the Scheme, subject to income ceiling, would be listed out separately by the Department. Government of India shall bear 50% of the cost and remainder to be contributed either by the State Government or the NGO or any other agency or by the beneficiary, on case to case basis, with prior approval of Ministry.

8.2.3. Type of Activities The funds under the ADIP Scheme are earmarked and utilized for the following activities:

(i) ADIP-SSA Camps

Aids and assistive devices are distributed to children below 18 years of age and those attending Schools under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). As per the agreement with the Ministry of HRD, ALIMCO, the implementing agency, is reimbursed 40% of the expenditure by MHRD and remaining 60% of the expenditure by the Department through grants under ADIP Scheme.

(ii) For Camp activities:

Under the Scheme, district-wise disability camps are organized. The State Governments/UTs Administration, while recommending the proposals of Implementing Agencies for organizing camps, needs to focus on coverage of inaccessible and un-served areas. Camps are also organized from time to time as per emerging requirements.

While COVID-19 is impacting the entire population, persons with disabilities, are more vulnerable to the disease due to their physical, sensory and cognitive limitations. With this in view, the Department has formulated a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for identification of beneficiaries and distribution of aids and assistive devices. Measures to ensure protection and safety such as temperature checks, social distancing, sanitization etc have been followed strictly. Special emphasis has been given to use of masks, gloves and PPE kits etc.



As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a Samajik Adhikarita Shivir' was organised at Jamnagar, Gujarat on 20.06.2021 in the presence Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Jamnagar, Smt. Poonamben Maadam and virtual presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat and Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment.

(iii) For Headquarter Activities

- (a) The National Institutes/CRCs/ALIMCO utilizes ADIP grants to extend services to eligible beneficiaries who approach the Institutes or their respective Regional Centres.
- (b) Some well-established NGOs have Centers/Sub-centers that carry out OPD activities and undertake corrective surgical operations for persons with disabilities. Many persons with disabilities approach their centers/sub-centers for Aids and assistive devices. Therefore, ADIP Grants are released for their respective Head Quarter activities.
- (c) All protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have been followed strictly.

(iv) Cochlear Implant Surgeries

There is provision of Cochlear Implant for 500 children per year with Hearing disability with a ceiling of Rs. 6.00 lakhs per unit under the Scheme. This will result in providing life long relief for hearing impaired children in the age group of 0 to 5 years. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Speech & Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai, is the nodal agency for providing assistance in the matter. The Institute invites application by issuing advertisements in news papers (all India editions) 101 and also through their website: www.adipcochlearimplant.in. Applicants have to apply based on advertisement/details on website to AYJNISHD, Mumbai. Cochlear Implant is procured by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), Kanpur and provided at the nominated hospitals. Surgery is done at empanelled hospitals. For conducting cochlear implant surgery, the Ministry has approved empanelment of 219 Hospitals (both Government and Private).

(v) Distribution of Motorized Tricycle and Wheelchair

Under the ADIP Scheme, there is provision for Motorized Tricycles and Wheelchairs for severely disabled and for Quadriplegic persons suffering from Muscular Dystrophy, Stroke, Cerebral Palsy, Hemiplegic and any other person with similar conditions, where either three/four limbs or one half of the body are severely impaired. For getting Motorized Tricycles or Wheelchair disability should be 80% and above. The actual cost of ALIMCO's Motorized tricycle is about Rs. 37,000/-. The amount exceeding to Rs.25,000/- is met by applicant/MPLAD fund//MLALAD Fund /CSR funding. This will be provided to the persons of age of 16 years and above, once in 10 years. Severely disabled persons with mental impairment are not eligible for motorized tricycles and wheelchairs since it puts them at a risk of serious accidents/physical harm.



Distribution camp conducted on 31.10.2021 in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment at ALIMCO Headquarter, Kanpur.

8.2.4. The financial and physical achievements for the last four Financial Years under the scheme are as follows:-

Year	BE Allocation	Revised Estimate	Amount Released	No. of Beneficiaries
2018-19	220.00	223.42	216.19	300865
2019-20	230.00	222.50	213.83	351629
2020-21	230.00	195.00	189.13	258749
2021-22 (as on 31.12.2021)	220.00	180.00	121.50	171057

8.2.5. State-wise details of camps conducted, funds utilized and number of beneficiaries covered under various activities during the last three years and current year (upto 31.12.2021) by various Implementing Agencies under ADIP Scheme is at **Annexure-9**. The grants- in- aid released to NIs/ALIMCO/ CRCs and NGOs during 2021-22(upto 31.12.2021) is at **Annexure-10**. The details of Special Camps/Camps held on demand during 2021-22 (upto 31.12.2021) in different States/UTs are at **Annexure-11**. Grants-in-aid released to NGOs/VOs/State Corporation/DDRCs etc. during the last three years and current year is at **Annexure-12**.

8.2.6. Special Achievements under Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) Scheme during the last seven years and current year (upto 31.12.2021).

- (i) Under ADIP Scheme, grants-in-aid of Rs.1310.51 crore were utilized during the last seven years and the current year benefitting 21.56 lakh beneficiaries approximately through 11468 camps.
- (ii) Out of 11468 camps, 787 Mega Camps/Special Camps were organized covering 35 States/UTs for distribution of aids and assistive devices under the

ADIP Scheme at a cost of about Rs.597.25 crore benefitting 6.82 lakh Divyangjan approximately.

- (iii) Out of these Mega Camps one camp at Gwalior, was graced by Hon'ble President and five camps were graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister at Varanasi, Navsari, Vadodara, Rajkot and Prayagraj.
- (iv) Aids and Assistive Devices costing Rs.243.45 crore approx. were provided to 7.26 lakh Divyang Children with Special Needs (DCWSN) through 6732 Camps under ADIP- Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the Schools all over the country.
- (v) 3965 (3220 under ADIP Scheme and 745 under CSR) cochlear implant surgeries have been successfully conducted in the country.
- (vi) 27028 motorized tricycles have been distributed to eligible Divyangjan.

8.2.7 Ten Guinness World records have been created. These are as under:-

- **First** record got broken with highest number of oil lamps lit simultaneously at a single location at Navsari, Gujarat on September 16, 2016.
- **Second** world record is fitting of 1200 Hearing Aids to 600 persons (1200 hearing aids) within 8 hours at a single location at Navsari, Gujarat on September 17, 2016.
- **Third** one by creating Biggest Wheelchair Logo/Image by 1000 Divyangjan, which made the event historical at Navsari, Gujarat on September 17, 2016.
- **Fourth** Guinness World Record was created on 05 November, 2016 when 3,911 persons with hearing impairment were fitted with hearing aids in 8 hours at Manipur camp.
- **Fifth** Guinness world records was for the Highest ever participation of 1445 persons with hearing impairment in a sign language session at a single venue while performing our National Anthem at Rajkot, Gujarat on June 29, 2017. Previously, such a record was held by Taiwan (China) with participation of 978 persons with hearing impairment.
- **Sixth** Guinness World Record in the category of highest number of Orthosis (Calipers) fitted to 781 persons with locomotor disability on a single day at Rajkot, Gujarat on June, 29, 2017.
- **Seventh** world record with the title "Most people fitted with Prosthetic Limbs in 8 hours (Single Venue)" was created in the ADIP camp at Bharuch Gujarat on 28th February, 2019 where 260 PwDs were fitted with such prosthetic limbs.
- **Eighth** most hand operated Tricycle donated in one-hour (626 Nos) at Prayagraj on 29th February 2020.
- **Ninth** largest Parade of hand operated Tricycle (300 Nos) at Prayagraj on 29th February 2020.
- **Tenth** largest moving line of wheel chairs (400 Nos) - 1.8 kms at Prayagraj on 29th February 2020.

8.2.8 Monitoring Mechanism

The following mechanism has been put in place for monitoring the implementation of the Scheme:

- (i) Constitution of a Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of the Joint Secretary of the Department for purpose of monitoring the implementation of Disability related Schemes of the Department (especially ADIP, DDRS and DDRCs).

- (ii) The Scheme has been on boarded on DBT Bharat Portal.
- (iii) Allocation of States/UTs to officers in the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and to National Institutes, for inspection, monitoring and guidance to Grantee Organizations under the Disability related Schemes of the Ministry.
- (iv) Under ADIP Scheme, the grants are released on recommendations of the concerned State Government upon receipt of an Inspection Report with regard to a particular implementing agency. The recommending authority also conducts 15% (in case of GIA up to Rs. 10.00 Lakhs) and 10% (in case of GIA exceeding Rs.10.00 Lakhs) test check/ sample checking of assisted beneficiaries from the previous grant to the organization.
- (v) Organizations are also required to furnish audited utilization certificate in respect of the previous grant (s) released to them.
- (vi) Under ADIP Scheme, Implementing Agencies should also maintain a website and upload details of grants received, utilized and list of beneficiaries along with photo and Ration Card Number/Voter ID Number/Aadhaar Card Number, as the case may be. (As per instructions of the Government Aadhaar Number is though obtained but not displayed).
- (vii) On-line submission and processing of NGOs proposals on e-Anudan Portal.
- (viii) Mandatory Registration of NGOs on Niti Aayog Portal (NGO Darpan).
- (ix) Utilization of grants-in-aid through EAT (Expenditure Advance Transfer) Module of PFMS.
- (x) Implementing agencies shall use 5% of the grant-in-aid as administrative/overhead 105 expenses for conducting awareness, assessment and follow-up camps. For Mega Camps where the number of beneficiaries are 1000 and above and Camps are attended by Cabinet/State Ministers (SJ&E)/Chief Ministers, an additional 5% administrative expenditure is allowable under the Scheme.

8.2.9 Under the ADIP Scheme, Department has notified Disability-wise list of contemporary aids and assistive devices for persons with disabilities (PwDs) which is available on the website of the Department (www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in). As provided in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, number of disabilities has been increased from 7 to 21. The Department is in the process of for listing out suitable aids and assistive devices for all types of disabilities.

8.3 SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

8.3.1 Overview:

- (i) Section 31 (1) & (2) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 mandates that every child with benchmark disability between the age of six to eighteen years shall have the right to free education in a neighborhood school, or in a special school, of his choice and the appropriate Government and local authorities shall ensure their access to free education in an appropriate environment till he attains the age of eighteen years.
- (ii) To fulfil this mandate, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing Umbrella Scheme 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities' comprising six components, viz., Pre-matric Scholarship, Post-matric Scholarship, Top Class Education, National Overseas Scholarship, National Fellowship for PwDs and Free Coaching.

- (iii) The main objective of the umbrella scholarship scheme is to empower students with disabilities to study further in order to earn their livelihood and to find a dignified place in the society, as they face several barriers - physical, financial, and psychological in pursuing studies and living with dignity.
- (iv) Until 2017-18; these six Scholarship Schemes were implemented as stand-alone schemes having separate budgets. National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities was started on 1st April, 2012. Pre-matric, Post-matric and National Overseas Scholarship schemes for Students with Disabilities were launched on 1st April, 2014. Top Class Education Scholarship began on 1st April 2015. Free Coaching Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities was started on 1st April, 2017.
- (v) From April 1, 2018, all the six scholarship schemes, i.e., Pre-matric, Post-matric, Top Class Education, National Fellowship, National Overseas Scholarship and Free Coaching have been merged into an Umbrella Scheme titled 'Scholarships for Students with Disabilities'. The merger/unification of the schemes with effect from 2018-19 has been done to remove the demand-supply imbalance of budget allocation and streamline the implementation process. In the Umbrella Scheme, if there is surplus fund available in one segment, that surplus can be utilized in the other one.
- (vi) 50% of the total scholarship slots available each year in Pre-matric, Post-matric and Top Class Education and 30% slots in National Overseas Scholarship are reserved for girl candidates. However, in case adequate number of girl candidates are not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the scheme, the unutilized slots are being utilized by selecting suitable male candidates.

8.3.2 The salient features of the Umbrella Scholarship Scheme are as under:

(i) Pre-matric (For Classes IX & X)

- i. Parents'/Guardians' Income Ceiling: The parents'/guardians' income ceiling is Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.
- ii. Maintenance Allowance: Rs.800/- per month for hostellers and Rs.500/- per month for day scholars. The Maintenance Allowance is paid for 12 months in a year.
- iii. Disability Allowances: The different types of Allowances related to disability have been merged into one and the range of disability Allowance is Rs.2,000/- to Rs.4,000/- per annum.
- iv. Book Grant: In addition to the above, Book Grant of Rs.1,000/- per annum is paid.
- v. No. of slots: 25,000 + Renewal students.

(ii) Post-matric (For XI to Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma)

- i. Parents'/Guardians' Income Ceiling: The parents'/guardians' income ceilings Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.
- ii. Maintenance Allowance: The Maintenance Allowance for different groups is as given below:
- iii. Group I: All Bachelor's/Post-Graduate Degree courses in Medicine, Engineering/Technology, Planning/Architecture, Fashion Technology, Management, Business/Finance Administration, Computer Science/Applications, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences. All Post-Graduate degree/diploma courses recognized by UGC/AICTE in any discipline.

Rate of Maintenance Allowance Rs.1,600 per month for Hosteller and Rs.750 per month for day scholars.

- ii. Group II: Professional courses leading to Degree/Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B. Pharma), LLB, BFS, other Para-medical branches like Rehabilitation, Diagnostics, etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g., Banking, Insurance, Taxation, etc.)

Rate of Maintenance Allowance Rs.1,100 per month for Hostellers and Rs.700 per month for Day Scholars.

- iii. Group III: All other courses leading to a Graduate degree not covered under Group I & II, e.g., BA/B.Sc/B.Com, etc.

Rate of Maintenance Allowance Rs.950 per month for Hostellers and Rs.650 per month for Day Scholars.

- iv. Group IV: All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which, entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. Senior Secondary Certificate (Class XI and XII), General and Vocational stream, ITI courses, 3-year Diploma Courses in Polytechnic, etc. Rate of maintenance allowance is Rs.900 per month for hostellers and Rs.550 for day scholars.

- v. Disability Allowances: The different types of Allowances related to disability have been merged into one and the range of disability allowance is Rs.2,000/- to Rs.4,000/- per annum.

- vi. Book Grant: In addition to the above, Book Grant of Rs.1,500/- per annum is paid.

- vii. Compulsory Non-refundable Fees: Enrolment/Registration, Tuition, Games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar, subject to a maximum fee ceiling of Rs.1.50 lakh per annum.

- viii. **No. of slots: 17,000 + Renewal students.**

(iii) Scholarship for Top Class Education (For Graduate Degree/Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma level courses in notified institutes of excellence in education)

- i. Parental/Guardian's Income Ceiling: The parents'/guardians' income ceiling is Rs.6 lakh per annum.

- ii. Maintenance Allowance: This is provided @ Rs.3,000/-p.m. for hostellers and @ Rs.1,500/-p.m. for Day Scholars.

- iii. Disability Allowance: Rs.2,000/- per month.

- iv. Books & Stationary: Rs.5,000/- per annum.

- v. Tuition fees and Non-refundable charges: Payable by the scholar to the Institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.2.00 lakh per annum.

- vi. Computer, Accessories/Aids and Assistive Devices: One time grant for purchase of computer with accessories/aids Rs.30,000/- and assistive devices Rs.30,000/- for the entire course.

- vii. **No. of slots: 300 + Renewal students.**

(iv) National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities (For Master's Degree and PhD in foreign universities)

- i. Income Ceiling: Income ceiling from all sources is Rs.6 lakh per annum.

- ii. Tuition Fees: Tuition fees as per the actual amount paid.

- iii. Maintenance Allowance: US\$ 15,400/- per annum for United States of America and other countries except United Kingdom, where it is GBP 9,900/- per annum.
- iv. Annual Contingency Allowance: US\$ 1,500/- per annum for United States of America and other countries except United Kingdom where it is GBP 1,100/- per annum.
- v. Incidental Journey Allowance: US\$ 20/- or its equivalent in Indian Rupees.
- vi. Equipment Allowance: Rs. 1, 500/-.
- vii. Visa Fees: Actual visa fee is paid in Indian Rupees.
- viii. Medical Insurance Premium: Actual as charged is admissible.
- ix. Cost of Air Passage: Air ticket is arranged by the DEPwD by shortest route in economy class in the national carrier.
- x. **No. of slots: 20+ Renewal students.**
- (v) **National Fellowships for Persons with Disabilities (For M.Phil and PhD in Indian Universities).**
 - i. Parents'/Guardians' Income Ceiling: No parents'/Guardians' income ceiling.
 - ii. Rate of Fellowship: The rates of fellowship for JRF and SRF will be at par with the UGC Fellowships. Presently these rates are as follows:

1	Fellowship	Rs.31,000/- p.m. for initial two years (Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)), Rs.35,000/- p.m. for remaining tenure (Senior Research Fellowship (SRF)).
2	Contingency for Humanities and Social Science (including Arts/Fine Arts)	@ Rs. 10,000/- p.a. for initial two years. @ Rs. 20,500/- p.a. for the remaining tenure.
3	Contingency for Science, Engineering Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two & years. @ Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for the remaining tenure.
4	Departmental assistance (All subjects)	@ Rs. 3,000/- p.a. per student to the host Institute for providing infrastructure.
5	Escort/Reader assistance (All subjects)	@ Rs. 2,000/- p.m. in cases of candidates with physical and visual disabilities.

- iii. House Rent Allowance (HRA): is paid on the UGC pattern and payable to those students who are not provided with hostel accommodation. In case hostel accommodation offered by the university/institution is refused, the student will forfeit his claim of HRA. Other facilities such as medical facilities, leave including maternity leave are governed as per the guidelines of the UGC in case of their fellowship program.
- iv. No. of slots: 200 slots every year. The distribution of slots amongst different States/UTs is primarily done in proportion of students with disabilities in the respective States/UTs. In case the number of fellowships so allocated to a

State/UT is not fully utilized, due to non-availability of eligible candidates, the vacant slots are allocated to States/UTs where the number of eligible candidates is much more than the slots allocated to them.

- (vi) Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities: (For appearing in competitive examinations for jobs in Government/Public Sector and admission to technical and professional courses)
- i. Parents'/Guardians' Income Ceiling: The parents'/guardians' income ceiling is Rs.6 lakh per annum.
 - ii. Coaching Fee: The coaching fee is paid to the empanelled coaching Institutes.
 - iii. Stipend: Monthly stipend p.m.@Rs.2,500/- is paid to local students and @Rs.5,000/- to outstation students.
 - iv. Special Allowance: @Rs.2,000/- per month is paid to students towards reader allowance, escort Allowance, helper Allowance etc.
 - v. No. of slots: 2,000 every year.

8.3.3 Eligibility conditions for scholarship to SwDs:

- i. Open to Indian nationals only.
- ii. Students having 40% and above disability (certified by competent medical authority of the State Government/UTs) are eligible for scholarships.
- iii. Disability is as defined in the 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016'.

8.3.4 Mode of implementation:

The following is the mode of implementation of scholarship schemes:

- i. The first three scholarship schemes, i.e., Pre-matric, Post-matric and Top Class Education Scholarships for Students with Disabilities are implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) and the scholarship amount is remitted directly to the beneficiaries through PFMS portal.
- ii. National Fellowship for SwDs is implemented through UGC portal. The selection of candidates is done by UGC and list of the selected candidates is forwarded to this Department. DEPwD is responsible for disbursement of funds to the beneficiaries identified by the UGC. The fellowship amount is remitted into the beneficiary's bank account through Canara Bank.
- iii. National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities is implemented offline by the DEPwD. In the National Overseas Scholarship, applications are invited offline by DEPwD. These applications are shortlisted by a Screening Committee. The short-listed applications are placed before the Selection Committee for award of National Overseas Scholarship. The Scholarship amount including tuition fees is transferred to candidate's bank account after the student gets admission to a foreign university.
- iv. Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities at present is being implemented offline by the DEPwD. The Scheme is implemented through the reputed coaching institutions/centre run by the Central Government /State Governments/UT Administrations and PSUs or Autonomous Bodies there under, Universities (under both Central and State Governments) including the Deemed Universities and Private Universities; and Registered private institutions/NGOs. The institutes are empanelled by a Selection Committee on the basis of their past records of performance. The candidates are required to submit their applications to the empanelled institutes' offline. Coaching fee is paid to the institutes directly by this Department. Stipend and special allowance admissible

to the candidates is remitted directly into the candidate's bank accounts through PFMS Portal. The Scheme is being onboarded on Service Plus platform. The initial work has been done and testing is in progress.

8.3.5 Publicity and Awareness:

Use of print and electronic media is harnessed in order to create awareness and publicize scholarship schemes among masses. Advertisements are released in the national newspapers (dailies) in different regional languages. The benefits of the scholarship schemes are disseminated in programmes broadcast in AIR and FM channels.

8.3.6 Monitoring mechanism:

The monitoring mechanism of the schemes (Pre-matric, Post-matric and Top Class Education) implemented on the National Scholarship Portal is as under:

- I. The candidates apply on-line on NSP web-portal, which is designed and maintained by the National Informatics Centre. The last date for applying online is decided by the Cabinet Secretariat, DBT Mission in consultation with the various Ministries/Departments.
- II. The concerned Institutes are required to verify and forward the application to the State Nodal Officer.
- III. The State Nodal Officer is required to carry out necessary checks including recognition of the Institute concerned and forward the application with State Government's recommendation to DEPwD.
- IV. Final selection is done by the DEPwD based on the recommendations of the State Government considering, inter alia, the number of slots available to that particular State.
- V. In case the candidate is a permanent resident of one State but studying in another State, his application will be considered under the slot of his home State and his application needs the recommendation of the State of which he is a permanent resident.
- VI. The monitoring and evaluation of the National fellowship program is done by DEPwD. Award of SRF/JRF is done after appropriate evaluation of performance of the candidate in carrying out the research work is done .
- VII. Under the National Oversees Scholarship Scheme, progress report of the student is obtained from the concerned College/Institute/University through Indian Embassy/ High Commission before release of the annual maintenance, tuition fees and other Allowances.
- VIII. Under the Free Coaching Scheme, there is provision of review of performance of the Coaching institutes at the end of the 3rd year of empanelment. DEPwD reserves the right to conduct random inspection/check from time to time of any empanelled institute.

8.3.7 Number of beneficiaries and amount released during last seven years and current year in respect of Scholarship Schemes are at Annexure – 17 A

8.3.8 Details of Private and Voluntary Organizations received recurring/ nonrecurring/ one time assistance Grants-in-aid of Rupees ten lakhs and above under Scholarship Schemes is at Annexure – 17 B

8.4 SCHEMES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 2016 (SIPDA)

SIPDA has broadly following components

- i) To enhance the accessibility of built environment, transport system and information and communication eco-system in addition to the scheme of creation of barrier free environment, the Department has conceptualized the “Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)” as a nation-wide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility that will enable persons with disabilities to gain access to equal opportunity and live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life in an inclusive society. The campaign will include conduct of accessibility audits and making the public places / infrastructure fully accessible in built-up environment, transportation and ICT eco-system.
- ii) Skill Development Programme for PwDs.
- iii) To assist State Governments to organize camps for issuance of disability certificates and Universal Disability ID Card (UDID).
- iv) To create awareness campaign and sensitization programs for various stakeholders. The SIPDA Scheme has a component of Implementation of ‘Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme.
- v) To set up/support resource centres facilitating dissemination of information on disability issues, counselling and providing support services.
- vi) To promote accessibility of libraries, both physical and digital, and other knowledge centres.
- vi) To promote research and development activities in the field of disability rehabilitation, the SIPDA Scheme has a component of Implementation of ‘Research on Disability Related Technology, Product and Issues Scheme’.
- viii) To establish early diagnostic and intervention centres at District Headquarters/other places that have Government Medical Colleges, with a view to helping hearing impaired infants and young children to acquire necessary skills to get prepared for regular schooling.
- ix) One time grant to the State Governments/UTs for the Offices of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for infrastructure facilities.
- x) Construction of special recreation centres/development of parks for PwDs where the appropriate Governments/local authorities have their own land and providing barrier-free standards in existing parks and other urban infrastructure.
- xi) Support for sporting events at National/State level.
- xii) Support to meet the expenditure relating to engagement of Consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) required for formulation of new schemes/projects.
- xiii) In service training and sensitization of key functionaries of Central/State Governments, local bodies and other service providers.
- xiv) Incentive to employers in the private sector for providing employment to persons with disabilities.
- xv) Financial assistance for any other activity specified in the Act for which financial assistance is not being provided/covered by the existing Schemes of the Department. (Details of different activities to be provided by concerned Divisions)

Budget Allocation and expenditure during the last four years and current year:

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Year	BE Allocation	RE Allocation	Amount released
1.	2017-18	207.00	273.06	272.24
2.	2018-19	300.00	258.30	260.82
3.	2019-20	315.00	260.00	217.34
4.	2020-21	251.50	122.89	103.43
5.	2021-22 (upto 31.12.2021)	209.77	147.31	31.15

- xvi) The details of grants-in-aid released to State/Union Territories under SIPDA Scheme during the year 2021-22 are at **Annexure-13**.
- xvii) Grant-in-aid released to various institutions/organisations for various activities under the Scheme during 2021-22 [Creation of Barrier Free Environment, Accessible India Campaign, National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs, Unique Disability Identification Project (UDID), Awareness Generation and Publicity, In Service Training and Sensitization of key functionaries of Central & State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Providers, Research on Disability Related Technology, Product and Issues, Incentive Scheme for providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the Private Sector, Financial Assistance for existing Deaf colleges in five regions of the country, Information and Mass Education (Media), Scheme for State Spinal Injury Centre, Central Sector Scheme of Support for establishment/modernization/capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses, Indian Spinal Injury Centre and Setting up of Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres] is as per **Annexures-14**.

8.4.1 Creation of barrier free environment for the Persons with Disabilities:

- i) To provide barrier free environment for the persons with disabilities which includes access to built environment in schools, colleges, academic and training institutions, offices and public buildings, recreational areas, health centres/hospitals etc. This would include provision for ramps, rails, lifts, accessible toilets for wheelchair users, Braille signages and auditory signals, tactile flooring, slopes in pavements for the easy access of wheelchair users, engraving on the surface of zebra crossing for the blind or for persons with low vision, engraving on the edges of railway platforms for the blind or for low vision and devising appropriate symbols of disability, etc.
- ii) To make Government websites at the Centre/State and District levels accessible to PwDs as per the guidelines for Indian Government website issued by NIC and Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (D/o AR&PG), Government of India, which are available on their website “<http://darpn.nic.in>”

8.4.2 National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities under SIPDA.

8.4.2.1 A Central Sector Scheme, National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities under SIPDA was launched by the Department in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on March 21st, 2015.

(i) Objective & Coverage

- (a) The guidelines cover Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) with not less than 40% disability and having a disability certificate to this effect issued by a competent medical authority,
- (b) As an Endeavour to encourage women, 30% of the total intake of each training program has been earmarked for women candidates,
- (c) The skill training is provided through training partners empanelled by this Department as per the eligibility conditions contained herein.

(ii) Conditions of Eligibility of the Trainees:

- (a) A citizen of India,
- (b) A person with benchmark disability with not less than 40% disability and having a disability certificate to this effect issued by any competent medical authority, [“Disability is as defined under Section 2(r) of the RPwD Act, 2016 read along with Section 2(j) of the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 and/or under any relevant legal Statute in force”]
- (c) Age not less than 15 years and not more than 59 years of age on the last date of commencement of a training course/batch,
- (d) The applicant should not have undergone any other skill training course sponsored by Government of India during the period of two years prior to the commencement of a training course/batch.

(iii) Eligibility of the implementing agencies (training partners):

The scheme is implemented through the implementing organizations/ institutions, hereinafter referred to as “empanelled training partners”. Financial assistance is provided by way of Grant-in-Aid for organizing training programs to the following categories of organizations:

- (a) Departments of the States Governments/Union Territories, or
- b) Autonomous Bodies/Statutory Bodies/Public Sector Undertakings set up by Central/ State Governments/UTs Administrations including Central/State Universities, or
- (c) National institutes/CRCs/DDRCs/RCs/Outreach Centres under MSJ&E, or
- (d) Organizations registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860, or Indian Trusts Act, 1882 or Companies Act, 1956 who are recognized for skill training by Central/ State Government Departments or subordinate bodies there-under.
- (e) The organization shall have not less than three years’ experience of organizing skill training programs.
- (f) In case of Non-Government Organizations, they shall be registered with the NGOPartnership (NGO-PS) of the NITI Aayog and should have obtained a Unique ID. The unique ID should be mandatorily quoted by the NGO at the time of application for grants.

(iv) Procedure of Application and Selection:

STAGE – I

Expression of Interest is invited from eligible organizations to get registered as “training partner” to provide skill training to PwDs under the scheme. Applications received for empanelment as training partners are scrutinized and placed before the Selection Committee who makes selection based on the criteria of previous experience, expertise, infrastructure and manpower available and other similar relevant considerations.

- (a) Composition of the Selection Committee: The Committee to select the training partners constitutes the following:
- (b) The Committee may invite an expert, as a special invitee, as and when it deems necessary.
- (c) The Committee will hold periodic meetings (at least one in each Quarter) to select amongst the organizations, who have sent proposals, to be designated as training partners.
- (d) The Committee may also decide/ approve the proposed curriculum of various skill training courses being offered and will monitor the quality of training provided through personal visits and other kinds of feedback.
- (e) The non-official members of the Selection Committee shall be entitled to TA/ DA at the rates admissible to an officer equivalent to Director of the Government of India.
- (f) The organizations found suitable by the Selection Committee shall be empanelled as “Training partners” for a period of three years for organizing training programs for PwDs under this scheme.

STAGE II

The organizations who are empanelled as training partners shall submit fresh Project Specific Proposals (both technical and financial) in respect of the training programs proposed to be conducted by them duly recommended by the concerned State Government/ UTs where the skill training is to be proposed. The applications will be scrutinized and if found suitable by the Selection Committee shall be sanctioned financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid.

(v) Training Curriculum:

- (a) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has constituted a Sector Skill Council for PwDs.
- (b) Training is provided under NAP in the courses aligned with National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF)

(vi) Funding norms:

The Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes as notified by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship vide Notification No. H-22011/2/2014- SDE-I dated 15th July, 2015, as amended from time to time, shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of the entire funding norms including training cost, boarding and lodging cost, transport/conveyance cost, third party certification cost, post placement support etc.

(vii) Quality Monitoring of the Training:

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will evolve a mechanism for monitoring the quality of training being provided by the training providers which shall be binding on all the training providers.

(viii) Other Conditions:

- (a) The Implementing Agency i.e. the training providers will abide by the conditions for grant-in-aid as provided in the Scheme.
- (b) The Implementing Agency will maintain a website and prominently display details of grant-in-aid received, purpose thereof, events organized and list of beneficiaries and their job placements.
- (c) The cost norms for specific trades/job roles would be as per the cost category prescribed in Schedule II of the Notification issued by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship vide No. H-22011/2/2014-SDE-I dated 15th July, 2015, as amended from time to time.

- (d) NGOs selected as training partners shall comply with the Common Guidelines for implementation of Central Sector schemes as notified by NITI Aayog vide O.M. No. M-11/16(2)/2015-VAC dated 10th September, 2015, as amended from time to time.

(ix) Convergence with other Skill Development Schemes:

The component of Skill Development will have convergence with other Skill Development Schemes run by other Ministries/Departments, including that of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, complying with the common norms for Skill Development. In case the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship decides to fund all Skill, Development Schemes, then this component of SIPDA Scheme shall be discontinued.

The component of Skill Development being funded by this Department under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) has been discontinued after the programme of Skill Development commenced under SIPDA.

(x) Review and Monitoring:

The progress of implementation of the guidelines will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. MIS based monitoring mechanism would be put in place for effective monitoring of the programs.

(xi) Jurisdiction of the Scheme:

The jurisdiction of the guidelines is up to providing prescribed financial support to the training partners for providing skill training to PwDs.

(xii) Furnishing of False Information:

If any trainee or training partner has furnished any false information/document and is established as false, he/she/it will be debarred from the benefit and an action will be initiated for recovery of the amount spent with 10% penal interest thereon. Such trainee or training organization will also be black- listed for future and appropriate legal action can be taken against them.

(xiii) Litigations:

Any litigation on matters arising out of these guidelines will be subject to sole jurisdiction of the courts situated in National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(xiv) Change in the Provisions of the guidelines:

The provisions of these guidelines can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India.

(xv) Review of the guidelines:

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities may, at its discretion, undertake review of these guidelines as and when required.

8.4.2.2 Present status of implementation of National Action Plan

- (i) Management Information System (MIS): For monitoring of implementation of scheme, MIS has been developed and is functional now. NITI Ayog's NGO Darpan portal has been integrated with the MIS Portal. Aadhaar enabled bio-metric attendance system (AEBAS) has also been made mandatory for monitoring purpose.
- (ii) Centre Guidelines: In order to ensure sufficient infrastructure at centres for quality training, the Department has recently introduced centre guidelines with CCTV, VC, Aadhaar enabled bio-metric attendance system (AEBAS), job role specific labs, equipment and trained teacher, accessibility as mandatory features

of a training centre. As per the centre guidelines audit of centre by physical inspection- either by Department officers or a 3rd party agency- has been made mandatory before allowing training at any centre.

8.4.2.3 Training Partners under NAP:

As per scheme guidelines, skill training is being provided by a network of skill training partners empanelled by the Department from amongst NGOs, private training institutions and Public Sector/Government Sector organizations empanelled as Training Partners. Empanelment of Training Partners is done by the Selection Committee and it is a continuous process. The Selection Committee, in its 22 meetings held so far has empanelled 295 organizations including 30 GOs and 265 NGOs as Training Partners (ETPs) under NAP which are scattered over the country. Since validity of empanelment is for a period of three years, 52 organizations (5 GOs and 47 NGOs) out of 295 empanelled as TPs so far are having validity of their empanelment as on 29.11.2021 i.e. 22nd meeting of Selection Committee. In addition to ETPs, training is also being imparted through various institutes under administrative control of the Department such as National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), National Institutes (NIs) and their Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) located in different states. Department is expanding the training base by associating Sector Skill Councils and State Skill Development Missions by signing MoU with them to impart skill training to PwDs. Food Industry Capacity and Skill Initiative (FICSI) has already been given targets. Transfer of 21 VRCs from M/o Labour is also under process which will further enhance the capacity of the Department to provide quality training.

8.4.2.4 Financial assistance under NAP:

The training partners are provided outcome based financial support by D/o Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes as notified by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship vide Notification No. H-22011/2/2014-SDE-I dated 15th July, 2015, as amended from time to time, shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of the entire funding norms including training cost, boarding and lodging cost, transport/conveyance cost, third party certification cost, post placement support etc.

- (i) Presently, financial assistance to TPs is released in three installments as under: 1st installment - 30% on commencement of training,
- (ii) Under NAP, training partners are provided 10 to 25% over and above the rate of the training cost for different types of PwD trainees and Rs.5000/- per PwD for job outreach activities.
- (iii) Financial assistance is also provided to PwD trainees as under: Cost for Personal Assistive Device: Rs.5000/- per PwD trainee in two installments i.e. Rs.4000/- at start of training to all the trainees and Rs. 1000/- after completion of training to successful trainees.
- (iv) Conveyance cost at monthly Rs. 1000/- for PwD trainees of same District and Rs. 1500/- for trainees of outside district is also provided to the trainees to meet their travel expenses towards training.

8.4.2.5 Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD)

A separate cross cutting Sector Skill Council for PwDs has already been created by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship which has a Chairman from the private sector and a full time CEO. The Council has various members representing stakeholders from Government and Private sector and NGOs working for the cause of PwDs. The Department, in consultation with the Sector Skill Council and various National Institutes of the DEPwD has been working to generate a homogenous course curriculum, certification mechanism, identification of suitable job roles to PwDs, requirement of additional training hours etc.

8.4.2.6 Employment connect activities

The Department also helps the training providers by connecting them with various private sector organizations and PSUs for providing employment connect as well as for obtaining CSR support. The Department itself or through NHFDC and other sub-ordinate organizations under its administrative control, organizes workshops, conferences and job fairs regularly. The Department coordinates with State Governments to support proactively by offering financial support to these clusters of Vocational Training Providers.

8.4.2.7 Grant-in-aid released for National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22 is as per Annexures-15 .

8.4.3 ACCESSIBLE INDIA CAMPAIGN

8.4.3.1 A nationwide campaign, Accessible India Campaign (AIC) or the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, was launched on December 3rd, 2015 to achieve universal accessibility for persons with disabilities in Built Environment (Buildings), Transport System and Information & Communication Technology (ICT) ecosystem with the following targets:-

- (i) Enhancing the proportion of Accessible Government Buildings.
- (ii) Enhancing the proportion of Accessible Transport System [Airports, Railway Stations and Public Transport Carriers (Buses)].
- (iii) Enhancing the portion of accessible government websites; pool of sign language interpreters; captioning and sign language interpretation of public television news programmes.

The timeline of June, 2022 for completion of all the above-mentioned targets of AIC was set by the Central Advisory Board, the highest decision making body in the disability sector during the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment on November 26, 2020. This is in line with the timelines mandated under the Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which under Section 45 and 46 state that all public centric buildings shall be made accessible within a timeline of 5 years from the date of notification of rules and all public centric services to be made accessible within a timeline of 2 years from the date of notification of rules.

On the basis of information received from various concerned nodal Central Ministries/Departments and efforts made by the Department, detail under AIC till 31.12.2021 is as under:

(i) Target of enhancing the proportion of Accessible Government Buildings:

Target 1.1: Completing accessibility audit of at least 25-50 most important government buildings in 50 cities and making them fully accessible by June, 2022;

Target 1.2: Making 50% of all the government buildings of the National Capital and all the State Capitals fully accessible by June, 2022;

Target 1.3: Completing accessibility audit of 50% of government buildings and making them fully accessible in 10 most important cities/towns of states not covered in targets 1.1 and 1.2 by June, 2022.

Status

- In the State Governments / UTs, auditors completed Access Audit of 1662 buildings in 48 cities. 1662 access audit reports have been submitted to the State's/UTs Nodal Officers.
- The financial proposals for retrofitting of 1484 buildings have been received so far,3

sanction has been issued by the Department in respect 1183 buildings amounting to Rs. 503.17 crore as on 31.12.21.

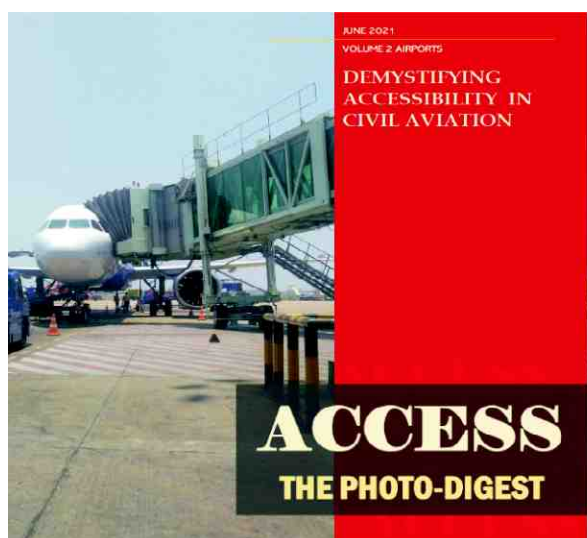
- Further, 20 States/ reported to have completed retrofitting work in 577 buildings. 7 States/UTs have also informed that 2839 State Government buildings have been selected to be made accessible under Targets/Phases (1.2) and (1.3) from their own funds.
- In the Central Government, CPWD reported completion of retrofitting in 1030 out of selected 1100 Central Govt. buildings targeted under Accessible India Campaign in FY 2020-21.

(ii) Target of enhancing the proportion of Accessible Transport System [Airports, Railway Stations and Public Transport Carriers (Buses)].

(ii.a) Target 2.1 and 2.2 - Airports: All international airports and domestic airports to be made fully accessible.

Status

- All 35 international airports & 55 out of 69 domestic airports provided with accessibility features (ramps, accessible toilets, helpdesks and lifts with Braille and auditory information systems), Further, all international/customs airport are reported to have been provided with aerobridges.
- Tactile path has been provided at majority of the airports whereas 41 airports have been equipped with aerobridges and ambulifts are available at 12 airports and the same is being procured for other airports.
- Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has also issued an advisory to make seamless screening of Divyangjan at airports. In this regard, CISF has also revised their SoPs, stressing upon the need of to improve soft skills to provide better journey experience.
- The accessibility standards have been formulated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, for which CCPD's comments have been incorporated and the process of conducting public consultation is underway.
- The Second Volume of the series of guidebooks, titled ACCESS: The Photo Digest on accessibility of Airports and Air Travel Services was launched on 19.11.2021, jointly by Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virender Kumar and Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, during the Conference of the Ministers of Civil Aviation at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi. Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Road Transport and Highways, Gen. (Dr.) V. K. Singh was also present during the event.



Launch of Second Volume of ACCESS: The Photo Digest on Accessibility of Airports on 19.11.2021 by Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virender Kumar and Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

(ii.b) Target 3.1 and 3.2 - Railways: A1, A & B categories of railway stations to be made fully accessible; 50% of all railway stations to be made fully accessible;

Status

- All 709 A1, A & B category railway stations have been provided with the seven (07) Short-Term Facilities identified by Ministry of Railways, namely, ramps, two parking lots for Divyangjan, non-slippery walkways from parking to station building, signage, at least one drinking water tap, one accessible toilet and 'May I Help You' booth.
- 603 railway stations have been provided with additional two (02) Long-Term Facilities namely, Provision of facility of inter platform transfer & Engraving on edges (tactile indicators) of platform.
- Ministry of Railways is formulating the guidelines for Accessible Indian Railways including barrier free ICT services, stations buildings, coaches as well as travel services. Railways had issued accessibility guidelines to be implemented by Zonal Railways to achieve accessibility in Indian Railways. Suggestions have been provided by the office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) to Railways for making the standards more comprehensive. The guidelines are pending for conducting public consultation to gather opinion of experts and public in general.
- Railways has also identified 03 Stations namely, New Delhi, Kanpur and Chennai to be showcased as Model Accessible Railway Stations in the coming months

(ii.c) Target 4.1 - Buses: 25% of Government owned public transport carriers are to be made fully accessible.

Status

- MoRTH reported that in FY 2020-21, out of 1,47,152 buses, 44153 (30.01%) buses are partially accessible and 8443 (8.73%) buses are fully accessible.
- The Bus Body Code has been made mandatory to ensure that all new city buses are disabled friendly.
- MoRTH has undertaken preparation of the comprehensive accessibility standards to make roadways services fully accessible. CCPD's consultation on the draft guidelines have been completed and public consultation is underway.

(iii) Target of enhancing the portion of accessible government websites; pool of sign language interpreters; captioning and sign language interpretation of public television news programmes.

(iii.a) Target 5.1 and 5.2 - Websites: At least 50% of Central and State Government websites are to meet accessibility standards:

Status

- Department has sanctioned Rs.26.19 Cr. to ERNET India to make 917 States/UTs websites accessible, out of which, Rs.23.52 Cr. has been disbursed. Total 603 State Governments websites have been made accessible including 459 websites made live.
- 95 websites of Central Government Ministries/Departments are made accessible by MeitY under the Content Management Framework.

(iii.b) Target 6.1 - Sign Language Interpreters Training and Developing 200 additional sign language interpreters:

Status

- The Government has established Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, in September 2015. The main objective of the Centre is to develop manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language.

- ISLRTC has informed that more than 1000 persons have been trained in Indian sign language through Diploma and Short Term Courses of ISLRTC.
- Total 93 students have completed Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI) course in three academic sessions during 2016-17 to 2018-19. ISLRTC is currently running one batch of DISLI for the academic year 2019-21.
- A new Course, Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language (DTISL) commenced from September, 2019 (20 students admitted) for the academic year 2019-21.

(iii.c) Target 7.1 and 7.2 - T.V Viewing:

- a) Public television news – National standards on captioning and sign language interpretation are to be created and adopted;
- b) At least 25% of public television programs on government channels are to comply with the set standards

Status

- Accessibility standards for accessible TV viewing by persons with hearing impairment have already been issued by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoIB) that provide for sub-titling, sign language interpretation along with accessibility for televisions sets, remote controls, equipment and internet content. Further, MoIB to formulate similar guidelines for other disabilities including visual impairment.
- Accessible content on TV is also being enhanced in a phased manner and so far 19 private news channels are telecasting partially accessible news bulletin, 2447 news bulletins have been telecasted with subtitling/sign-language interoperation and more than 3686 scheduled programs/movies using subtitling have been telecasted by general entertainment channels.

8.4.3.2 In addition, following initiatives has been taken by the Department in collaboration with concerned Ministries/Departments under the Accessible India Campaign:

- (i) To ensure access to education for PwDs, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) also has been taken onboard. Apart from inclusion of accessibility related content in syllabus of classes 1 to 12 and B.Ed and training of teachers/special educators, DoSEL has also reported that 8,33,703 out of 11,68,292 (71%) schools have been made barrier free for children with special needs. DEPwD is also working with Department of Higher Education, UGC and CBSE to further enhance the coverage of accessibility in educational institutes through the affiliation process.
- (ii) On the similar lines, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also been requested for developing accessible health infrastructure.
- (iii) Ministry of Tourism has also actively adopted the mandates of the Campaign and is committed to developing accessible tourist experiences under its various schemes such as PRASHAD, Adopt a Monument, etc. to name a few. Many hotels and tourist facilities are also being provided with accessible services such as rooms for PwDs, braille information booklets and menus etc. The retrofitment of key monuments and tourist places on similar lines is being taken up as well.
- (iv) Furthermore, 20 Central Ministries/Departments have been onboarded for formulation of sector-specific accessibility guidelines/standards.

8.4.3.3 Monitoring of the AIC:

The Campaign is being monitored by Prime Minister Office through PRAGATI, Central Advisory Board headed by Hon'ble MSJE and Cabinet Secretariat through Committee of Secretaries. Hon'ble MSJE, Hon'ble MoS MSJE and Secretary, DEPwD have reviewed the progress of AIC regularly at their level. Based on the directives of these meetings, DEPwD has initiated following steps for monitoring implementation under the Campaign:

- (i) **Regular Monitoring:** Monitoring meetings on a regular basis is held by Hon'ble Minister SJE, Secretary DEPwD and Joint Secretary DEPwD. The last review meeting by Hon'ble Minister SJE was held on 10.12.2019, followed by the Central Advisory Board which was held on 26.11.2020. Regular follow-up in regard to the progress of implementation is carried out through letters and video conferences. The last video conference with States/UTs was held in November 2021 and with Central Ministries/Departments for formulation of Guidelines was held on December 2021.
- (ii) **Meeting of Committee of Secretaries:** The Cabinet Secretary chaired a review meeting on AIC on 27.11.2020 wherein directions were given for ensuring all government buildings are made accessible within stipulated timeframe, strict monitoring of the progress of the Campaign and development of accessibility standards in a time bound manner.
- (iii) **Management Information System (MIS) portal:** For the purpose of effective and real time monitoring of progress of targets under AIC, the MIS portal was launched. The vision is to create a centralized data source related to accessibility in built-up environment, transport and ICT ecosystem. So far, details of 2077 buildings of States/UTs and CPWD, along with total 3008 photographs have been uploaded on MIS portal (as on 18th January 2022). The Department also undertook internal verification of the data uploaded by CPWD and States/UTs to check for correctness and compliance to standards, further sharing the observations CPWD and States/UTs for initiating corrective measures. Updating all data on the MIS system has now been made mandatory for processing of fund releases to the States/UTs under the Campaign.

8.4.3.4 New Initiatives:

- (i) **Sugamya Bharat App** – On 2nd March 2021, as per the directions of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Sugamya Bharat APP — a Crowdsourcing Mobile Application was launched by former Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand special feature has been added for only the Divyangjan to raise COVID 19 related issues. All States/ UTs have been instructed to deal with these issues on priority and in a time-bound manner.

Launch of Sugamya Bharat App on 02.03.2021 by former Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot.

- (ii) **Institutional Literacy Material** – With the vision to generate awareness and raise sensitization among general public as well as professionals working in the field of accessibility, the Department took the following initiatives -
- Under the Campaign, the Department has been able to develop an **Easy Reckoner of 10 Basic Features of Accessibility**, photo digests and other documents which serve as guidebooks for officials, engineers, architects, relevant stakeholders and the public to enhance their understanding of accessibility. These documents have helped through simplistic and illustrative explanations of the guidelines of accessible features.
 - Volume 1 of the series of guidebooks for professionals titled - **ACCESS-The Photo Digest on Public Centric Buildings was launched on 2nd March 2021 along with the Sugamya Bharat App by former Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot.**



Launch of First Volume of ACCESS: The Photo Digest on accessibility of Airports on 02.03.2021 by former Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot along with the Sugamya Bharat App.

- c. **The 2nd Volume of the series on Airports was launched on 19.11.2021**, jointly by Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virender Kumar and Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, during the Conference of the Ministers of Civil Aviation at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi.
- d. For raising awareness among school going children, an **E-Comic-cum-Activity Book, titled 'Priya: The Accessibility Warrior' was launched, jointly with Ministry of Education on 24th August 2021**. The E-Comic cum Activity Book was launched jointly by the Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar and Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan on the occasion of launch of initiatives taken for new National Education Policy by the Department of School Education and the Workshop on NIPUN Bharat, in the presence of Smt. Annpurna Devi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education. The E-Comic cum Activity Book is a fully interactive and accessible e-comic book developed in a collaborative effort by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and Central Institute of Education Technology (CIET) under NCERT.
- (iii) **Formulation of Sector Specific Standards of Accessibility** – As per CoS recommendations, the task of formulation of Sector Specific Standards of Accessibility has been entrusted with respective Ministries/Departments so that the same may be notified under the RPwD Rules, 2017. This work is underway and is being followed up by DEPwD as the Nodal Department with all Ministries/Departments through regular letters, video conferences and Ministry/Department specific discussions. So far, Ministries of Housing & Urban Affairs, Road Transport & Highways, Information & Broadcasting, Electronics & Information Technology, Railways, Consumer Affairs, Civil Aviation, Telecommunication, have completed the consultation with CCPD and are currently at advanced stage of finalization of the Guidelines. The other Ministries/Departments include Culture, Sports, Home Affairs, Tourism, Justice, School Education & Literacy, Higher Education, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ports Shipping & Waterways, Financial Services, Health & Family Welfare and Rural Development, are at various stages of formulation and CCPD, Expert, Public consultations.



Launch of 'Priya: The Accessibility Warrior' on 24.08.2021 jointly by Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar and Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

8.4.4 SCHEME OF SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT/ MODERNIZATION/CAPACITY AUGMENTATION OF BRAILLE PRESSES

8.4.4.1 The objective of the Scheme

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) launched the scheme of Support for Establishment/ Modernization/ Capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses in 2014-15. The main objective of the Scheme is to facilitate the production of Braille Text Books for free distribution to children with visual impairments studying in various schools in the country. From the year 2020-21 Braille Press Scheme has been merged with SIPDA as one of its components.

8.4.4.2 Nodal Agency

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun is the nodal agency for operation of the Scheme. The Nodal Agency is entrusted with the responsibility of inviting proposals, screening, inspection, evaluation and placing the suitable proposal before the Screening Committee for consideration, recommendation and approval for providing grant in aid (GIA).

8.4.4.3 Implementing agencies

The implementing agencies of Scheme are State Governments, UT Administration and Voluntary Organizations running Braille presses for more than five years or any other establishment designated by the State Government or UT administration for running a Braille press.

8.4.4.4 Components of Grants –in – Aid

Following components of Grants in Aid (GIA) are provided to the Implementing Agencies through the Nodal Agency:

- i. Non-recurring GIA for the establishment of New Braille Press, Modernization of Braille Presses and Capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses.
- ii. Recurring GIA towards the expenditure incurred by the implementing Agency for printing and supply of text books in Braille.

8.4.4.5 Present status

So far 28 Braille Presses have been supported under this Scheme with Rs. 44.24 crore as the total financial assistance.

- 13 New Braille Presses have been established,
- 12 existing Braille Presses have been modernized and
- 3 Braille Presses have been supported for capacity augmentation.

8.4.5 AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY SCHEME (AG&P SCHEME)

This scheme launched in September, 2014 and is operational from the Financial Year 2014-15 onward. The Scheme has been revised in Financial Year 2015-16 to simplify and enhance its scope, objectives, eligibility etc. to broad base the implementation for better and effective outcomes

8.4.5.1 Aims and Objective of the Schemes:

Components admissible for assistance under the scheme includes setting up of a help line for online counselling of the PwDs; content development; publications and news media; organizing national events; participation in the international initiatives or to support various programmes organized by NGOs or self-help groups; volunteer service/outreach programme for sensitizing commercial establishment and employers; recreation and tourism; participation in community radio; media activities; support awareness campaign for skill development & employment generation for PwDs including job fairs; support spreading awareness about universal accessibility by creating an enabling and barrier-free environment that include accessible buildings, accessible transport, accessible websites and carrying out accessibility audit; promote individual excellence in the field of disability sector; Sporting and abilympics activities to promote talent and skill among PwDs which are to be supported through events, awareness campaign, etc.

8.4.5.2 Assistance available under the Scheme:

- (i) Short term projects (one-time events or projects not exceeding 6 months duration): Disbursement will be made in two instalments as follows:
 - (a) 75% -on approval, acceptance, executing necessary bond etc.
 - (b) 25%- on receipt of final report and UC for the first installment, audited statement of account along with item-wise expenditure.
- (ii) Long term Projects (projects of 6 months and more duration): Disbursement is made in three installments as follows:
 - (a) 40% - on approval, acceptance of project and furnishing bank guarantee/execution of bond etc.
 - (b) 40% - After Progress review, receipt of UC of first installment.
 - (c) 20% - On Receipt of final report, UC for full amount, and audited statement of account along with item-wise expenditure.
 - (d) When an activity under the scheme is undertaken directly by the institutions under Central/State Government, funds will be sanctioned and released as per actual requirements.

8.4.5.3 Organizations eligible for grants / financial assistance:

- (i) Self-help groups
- (ii) Advocacy and self-advocacy organizations.
- (iii) Parents & Community Organizations working for mobilization and bring about change in social attitude

- (iv) Psychological and emotional support service
- (v) Community based rehabilitation organizations
- (vi) Organizations working in the field of disability sector including those for labour market programmes, vocational training, social insurance, providing support services, stress management and social isolation eradication to PwDs.
- (vii) Organizations under administrative control of Central/State Government including Departments, Universities, institutions, colleges etc.

8.4.5.4 Eligibility Norms:

- (i) A minimum three year standing as a registered organization for organisations under 4(a) of this scheme including organisations under Registration of Societies Act 1860, or a Public Trust registered under Indian Trust Act 1982 or the Charitable 126 and Religious Endowment Act, 1920 or a corporation registered under Section 8 Companies Act, etc. or registered under any relevant Act of the Central/State/ Union Territory.
- (ii) The organization should be non-profit and not-for-profit organization or use its profits, if any other income in promoting charitable objectives.
- (iii) Organisations under administrative control of Central/State Government including Departments, Universities, institutions, colleges etc. or a Corporation registered under Section 8 Companies Act, etc. or registered under any relevant Act of the Central/State/Union Territory is exempted from the conditions of registration under PwD Act.
- (iv) The proposals of NGOs required to be recommended from concerned State Government GO should have registration on NITI Aayog portal with Unique ID details.
- (v) Organization has to certify that it shall disburse the funds through PFMS portal using Expenditure Advance & Transfer (EAT) Module of PFMS.
- (vi) The quantum financial assistance is considered by the Committee constituting of the following:-
 - Joint Secretary (Awareness Generation & Publicity)
 - Representative of IFD, D/o EPwDs
 - Representative of DAVP
 - A special invitee from amongst PwDs / representative groups/ organizations working in the field of disability
 - Director / DS (Awareness Generation & Publicity)

8.4.5.5 Monitoring Mechanism

The bills/vouchers are scrutinized along with the supporting documents relating to event(s)/programme such as audited account statements of the event, videography and photographs thereof. The NGOs are also requested to intimate the concerned MP/MLA/District Administrative Officers for attending the programme.

8.4.5.6 Outcome of the evaluation/studies conducted:

Recently, the Third Party Evaluation (TPE) of the scheme has been carried out by National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILRED) and the agency has appreciated this scheme observing that the scheme has been successful in creating awareness about various Govt. Schemes for the disabled. As per the TPE Report, the AGP scheme has been proposed to be continued and merged with In-service Training Scheme of the Deptt. which is related to Sensitization of key functionaries of Central and State Government, Local Bodies and other Service Providers.

8.4.5.7 Physical and Financial Achievements under AGP Scheme:

S.No.	Year	Notional Allocation (under SIPDA Scheme)			Physical Achievements (No. of Events)
		B.E.	R.E.	Exp.	
1.	2018-19	3.00	2.00	1.15	15
2.	2019-20	3.00	2.00	2.12	16
3.	2020-21	2.50	1.00	1.17	11
4.	2021-22 (As on 31.12.2021)	2.50	2.50	1.44	02

8.4.5.8 Achievements under AGP Scheme in the year 2021:

(i) National handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC)" New Delhi to organize Annual Exhibition-cum-fair for manufactured products by Divyangjans and programmes for spreading awareness/propagation of various schemes of department about welfare of Divyangjans alongwith awareness for opportunities in skill development training programme of DEPwD at Ita Nagar. Arunachal Pradesh from 4th March, 2021 to 5th March, 2021 under AGP Scheme.



(ii) As part of 'India@75 National Celebration' and flagship programme for North-East India; the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPVD, Dehradun) has organized "5th North-East India Traditional Fashion Week (NEIFW) 2021: The Divyangjan Movement – Empowering the Specially-Abled towards an inclusive India" event on 24th & 25th July, 2021 under Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme of the Department. The 02 days online event was inaugurated by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, in the presence of Km. Pratima Bhoumik and Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Hon'ble Minister(s) for State for Social Justice and Empowerment and Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD. It aims to empower and uplift the Divyangjan from the various tribes and ethnic groups of North-East and to encourage the textile and craft industry to take an inclusionary approach.



(iii) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) has organized a program to facilitate the winners of the Tokyo Paralympics held at Tokyo, Japan on 10th September, 2021 wherein they were awarded cash prize to the individual winners. Around 200 guests witnessed this event in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of SJ&E Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Ministers of State Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Km. Pratima Bhoumik and other dignitaries. Keeping in mind the Covid Protocol, the facilitation program was organized in the Convention Hall, The Ashok Hotel, and New Delhi.





8.4.6 RESEARCH ON DISABILITY RELATED TECHNOLOGY, PRODUCT AND ISSUES

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities launched a Central Sector scheme on “Research on disability related technology, products and issues”, in January, 2015. While considering further continuation of the Scheme for a further period of five years from 2021-22 onward, objectives of the Schemes have been re aligned with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016.

Objectives

- To promote and support Study and research for facilitating evidence based policy decision relating to the priority areas of disability sector;
- To promote research concerning prevalence of disability and measures for prevention thereof;
- To promote and support research and development for enhancing facilitation and rehabilitation and such other issues which are necessary for the empowerment of persons with disabilities (PwDs);
- To promote research and development for the application of science and technology to the development of indigenous products, aids & appliances for empowerment of PwDs.

Present Status:

So far 16 projects have been supported under this scheme for which Rs. 1.93 crore has been released in various instalments as the total financial assistance. During the year 2021-22, funds have been released to following 03 organizations:

S. No.	Name of the agency	Project title	Grant Released upto 31.12.2020
1	Amal Jyoti College of Engineering., Kerala	Development of Robotic Mobilizer for people with lower limb paralysis.	Rs. 2,97,000.00

S. No.	Name of the agency	Project title	Grant Released upto 31.12.2020
2.	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh	Study on Somato type, physical efforts & perception of physical activity in PwDs	Rs. 2,70,923.00
3.	Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab	Development of Public Announcements System at Railway Stations using Indian Sign Language Synthetic Animations for Differently Able Hearing Impaired People”	Rs. 9,66,000.00

Draft final reports are under consideration in respect of following 03 Projects before release of final instalment of Grant-in-Aid:

S. No.	Name of the agency	Project title
1.	NIEPVD, Secunderabad	Development of an Indian Test of Intelligence
2.	Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai	Information & one click (an online information portal for disability)
3.	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	Development of Adapted Science experiments for improving skills in learning science and students with visual impairment at secondary level.

8.4.7 UNIQUE DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION (UDID) PROJECT

- (i) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities implements the Unique Disability Identification UDID Project with a view to create a national database of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and also to issue unique identity cards to them. An Application Software for this project has been developed and hosted on NIC cloud since May 2016. The Application Software also provides an online platform for issuance of disability certificates. The database will subsequently help in tracking physical and financial progress of benefit delivery at all levels of hierarchy of implementation – from Village, Block, District, State level and National level. It will also encourage transparency, efficiency and ease of delivering Government benefits to persons with disabilities. The database captures personal details, identity details, disability details (type of disability, % of disability etc.), education status, employment details, Income level (BPL/APL, etc.), scheme related details etc.
- (ii) 67,09,894 e-UDID cards have been generated in 715 out of 737 districts in all States/UTs as on 19.01.2022, including 11.17 Lakh UDID cards generated during 2021-22. State-wise status of generation of UDID card is at Annexure. The Department continuously monitors the progress of implementation of the project through video conferencing, periodic communications with the States/UTs at the highest level.

(iii) The Department provides financial supports to the States/UTs for the following purposes for the implementations of the Project: -

(a) Support for Publicity and Awareness (Rs. 2.5 Lakhs for each district having >20 Lakhs Population, Rs. 2.0 Lakhs for each district having 10 Lakhs >Populations < 20 Lakhs and Rs. 1.5 Lakhs for each district having < 10 Lakhs Population;

(b) Technical Support –IT Infrastructure (up to Rs 1.00 Lakh per district/medical authority for the procurement IT infrastructure such as one computer desktop, four biometric single finger scanner for Aadhaar authentication , one ordinary Printer with Scanner and one web camera;

(c) Manpower Support @ Rs 50,000 per month for the State coordinator for UDID project implementation; and

(d) Digitization of Old Manual Certificate @ Rs. 3.61 per certificate. As on 19.01.2022, the Department has released Rs. 31.59 crores to States/UTs for the above purposes, including Rs. 3.20 crores released during 2021-22.

(iv) UDID database has been linked with Digilocker application of Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) for data security. Ministry of Railways has been requested to recognize the certificate of disability issued under UDID Project for the purpose of extending the benefit of concessional travel by train.

(v) Comparative State wise position of issuance on Disability Certificate is at **Annexur – 16.**

8.4.8 Incentives Scheme for Providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities in the Private Sector (Incentive Scheme)

Objective: To encourage private sector to employ Persons with Disabilities, a scheme of incentives to the employers in private sector for providing employment to PwD was launched in the year 2008-09 and the same was revised w.e.f. April 1st, 2016.

8.4.8.1 Some of the features of the scheme are:

(i) As per the Scheme, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will make payment of employers' contribution to the EPF and ESI for 10 years.

(ii) There will be no salary ceiling for the PwD employees.

(iii) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) will bear one-third of the gratuity amount due and admissible to PwD employees.

(iv) The administrative charges applicable on EPF/ESI contribution (at the extant rates) presently being deposited by the employers shall be borne by DEPwD.

(v) In case a private employer engages PwDs as apprentices in any particular trade and provides them employment on completion of the apprenticeship period, the stipend during the apprenticeship period payable to the PwDs shall be borne by the Department.

(vi) During the recent Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) exercise, revised version of the scheme has been proposed to be continued as a sub-component of the National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of PwDs under the umbrella scheme –SIPDA. Details of the approved scheme shall be uploaded on the official website of the Department: <https://disabilityaffairs.gov.in>.

8.4.9 In-Service Training And Sensitization Of Key Functionaries Of Central & State Governments, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers (In-Service Training Scheme)

Objective: The prime objective of the Scheme is to focus on the need based training of key functionaries dealing with disability sector to be conducted in co ordination with the

Administrative Training Institutes. Some of the features of the scheme are:

- (i) To train and sensitize key functionaries of the Central/State Governments/UT Administrations/Local Bodies and other Service Providers on a regular basis on disability related matters through State/District/ Block level workshops.
- (ii) The workshops will aim to raise the awareness among employees and peer groups about capabilities of persons with disabilities and how they can work together to create an all inclusive environment etc. at work place.
- (iii) The training is meant for the key functionaries at Panchayat level/block level and District level dealing with disability sector.
- (iv) Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is the nodal agency for implementing the Scheme.
- (v) During the last three years and the current year, Grants-in-Aid have been released under the scheme provisions as below:

Year	Expenditure (in Rs. crore) *as on 05.01.2022
2018-19	1.67
2019-20	NIL
2020-21	NIL
2021-22*	NIL

- (vi) During the recent Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) exercise, the scheme has been proposed to be continued as a sub-component of the Awareness Generation Program (AGP) under the umbrella scheme –SIPDA. Details of the approved scheme shall be uploaded on the official website of the Department: <https://disabilityaffairs.gov.in>

8.4.10 Scheme for Financial Assistance to the existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the country (Deaf College Scheme)

Objective: The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the existing deaf colleges in the following five zones of the country including one in North East:

- (i) Rural Development and Management College for the Deaf (RDMC) in North Zone of India
- (ii) College for the Deaf in West Zone
- (iii) College for Deaf in South Zone
- (iv) College for Deaf in Central Zone
- (v) College for Deaf in East Zone

Some of the scheme features are as under:

- (i) The scheme was originally approved on 29.01.2015, and the revised Scheme was notified on 1st August, 2018.
- (ii) The Scheme envisages financial assistance to one college, affiliated to the UGC approved University, in each of the five regions of the country for expansion of the infrastructure of the existing college, purchase of aids/equipment, office equipment, computers, furniture & fixture etc. ; and financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to reimburse to cost incurred by the college towards payment of salaries and allowances for the college faculty, staff and sign language interpreters.

- (iii) In case, suitable colleges fulfilling the requisite criteria for obtaining grants-in-aid under the schemes are not found, Department shall have the flexibility to identify two deaf colleges in one zone fulfilling the requisite criteria for releasing GIA under the Scheme.
- (iv) During the last three years and the current year, Grants in aid have been released to the following colleges under the scheme:

S.No.	Year	Name of College	Amount (in crore)
1.	2018-19	National Institute of Speech and Hearing(NISH), Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)	1.50
2.	2019-20	-	-
3.	2020-21	-	-
4.	2021-22* *as on 05.01.2022	-	-

- (v) During the recent Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) exercise, a revised version of the scheme has been proposed to be continued as a Project under the umbrella scheme –SIPDA. Details of the approved scheme shall be uploaded on the official website of the Department: <https://disabilityaffairs.gov.in>

8.4.11 Scheme for setting up of State Spinal Injury Centres (SSIC Scheme)

Objective: The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Spinal Injury Centres across India so as to enable the patients with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI) lead their life to their fullest abilities. Some of the features of the scheme are:

- (i) Central Sector Scheme of Setting up of State Spinal Injury Center (SSIC) is being implemented since 2015-16.
- (ii) Envisages setting up of comprehensive rehabilitation centers attached to the government hospital of all the state capitals/Union territories.
- (iii) Dedicated 12 beds for treatment, rehabilitation and management of spinal injuries in respect of persons belonging to economically weaker sections.
- (iv) Non-recurring grant in aid upto Rs. 2.33 crore directly to the implementing agencies towards expenditure on medical equipment, medical/surgical instruments (OT), rehabilitation equipment (a) OT & PT (b) Orthotics and Prosthetics and assistive technology.
- (v) Non-recurring grant in aid upto Rs. 56.00 lakhs for setting up of the 12 bed dedicated wards.
- (vi) Reimbursement of maintenance cost of 10 beds on annual basis @ Rs. 1000/- per bed per day (maximum Rs. 36,00,000). Recurring expenditure liability in respect of remaining 2 beds will be borne by State Government/Implementing Hospital, subject to fulfilment of conditions.
- (vii) Details of funds released to the SSICs as per scheme provisions during the last three years and the current year is as under:

S.No.	Financial Year	Name of Centre	Amount (in crore)
1.	2018-19	Gandhi Medical College & Hamidia Hospital, Bhopal	2.82
2.	2019-20	-	-
3.	2020-21	SMS Medical College, Jaipur, Rajasthan	0.31
4.	2021-22* *as on 05.01.2022	-	-

(viii) During the recent Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) exercise, a revised version of the scheme has been proposed to be merged with the Department's Scheme for Financial Assistance to Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC), Delhi (ISIC Scheme) under the title, "Scheme for Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres (ASIC Scheme)" under the umbrella scheme –SIPDA. Details of the approved scheme shall be uploaded on the official website of the Department: <https://disabilityaffairs.gov.in>

8.4.12 Scheme for financial assistance to Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, New Delhi (ISIC Scheme)

Objective: The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Indian Spinal Injury Centre, Delhi so as to enable the patients with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI) lead their life to their fullest abilities. Some of the features of the scheme are:

- (i) The Scheme for Assistance to Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New Delhi towards treatment of Spinal Cord Injury Poor Patients.
- (ii) The Indian Spinal injury centre (ISIC), New Delhi is a Non-Government Organization providing comprehensive rehabilitation management services to patients with spinal cord injuries and related ailments.
- (iii) These include intervention in the form of reconstructive surgery, stabilization operations, physical rehabilitation, psycho-social rehabilitation, and vocational rehabilitation services.
- (iv) The Government of India supports the ISIC to provide 25 free- beds per day for treatment of poor patients and ISIC also provides 5 free- beds per day for treatment of poor patients.
- (v) The rate of reimbursement is Rs. 7000/- per bed, per day on actual occupancy basis.
- (vi) The Department also releases Grant in aid up to a maximum of Rs. 4 crore to the Indian Spinal Injury Centre, Vasant Kunj, and New Delhi as operation costs and for maintenance of 25 beds for treatment of spinal injury patients from the economically weaker sections.
- (vii) Details of funds released to the ISIC as per scheme provisions during the last three years and the current year is as under:

S.No.	Financial Year	Amount (in crore)
1.	2018-19	-
2.	2019-20	-
3.	2020-21	-
4.	2021-22* *as on 05.01.2022	-

(viii) During the recent Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) exercise, a revised version of the scheme has been proposed to be merged with the Department's Scheme for Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centres(SSIC Scheme) under the title, "Scheme for Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres (ASIC Scheme)" under the umbrella scheme –SIPDA. Details of the approved scheme shall be uploaded on the official website of the Department: <https://disabilityaffairs.gov.in>

8.5 NATIONAL FUND FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- The Department constituted National Fund for Persons with Disabilities in terms of Section 86 of the RPwD Act, 2016. The Central Government constituted Governing Body under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD which is responsible for overall management of the said Fund. As on 31.12.2021 the fund position under National Fund is as under:-
- Fixed Deposit – Rs 351.95 crore
- Savings Account (net amount) – Rs 22.88 crore
- Expenditure during 2021-22 as on 31.12.2021 - Rs 0.34 crore

8.5.1 Scheme for Providing Financial Assistance to Persons with Disabilities under National Fund includes following components:-

- Exhibitions/workshops to showcase the products including paintings, handicraft etc made by the PwDs,
- Support PwDs who have excelled in sports or in fine arts/music/dance at the State level to participate in the National/International events. Assistance from the fund for the same event can be granted only once to a PwD, and
- Support certain exclusive needs of persons with high support needs as recommended by the Assessment Boards on specific recommendation by the States on a case to case basis.

8.5.2 Details of funds released to organisations/ individuals during the current financial year 2021-22 (as on 31.12.2021) is as per table given below:

S. No.	Name of the organization/ Individual	Category	Purpose	Amount Released (in Rupees)
1.	Pingalakshi, Odisha	Exhibition	Handicraft Exhibition	10,00,000/-
2.	Shri Navdeep, International Para Athlete	Sports	World Para Athletics Grand Pix 2019	1,04,763/-
3.	Relief Centre, Manipur	Exhibition	Handicraft Exhibition 1st Installment	3,74,750/-

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**9.1 Overview**

National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities are conferred on Individuals/Institutions/States/Districts for their outstanding achievements in the field of empowerment of persons with disabilities. These awards have been instituted with the objective to focus public attention on issues concerning persons with disabilities and to promote their mainstreaming in the society. The awards are conferred on the occasion of 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' i.e. 3rd of December every year under the following 14 categories:-

- (i) Best Employees/Self Employed with disabilities
- (ii) (a) Best Employers and (b) Best Placement Officer or Agency
- (iii) (a) Best Individual and (b) Best Institution working for the Cause of Persons with Disabilities
- (iv) Role Model
- (v) Best Applied Research or Innovation or Product Development aimed at improving the life of persons with Disabilities
- (vi) Outstanding Work in the Creation of Barrier-free Environment for the Persons with Disabilities
- (vii) Best District in Providing Rehabilitation Services
- (viii) Best State Channelizing Agency of National Handicapped Federation Development Corporation
- (ix) Outstanding Creative Adult Persons with Disabilities
- (x) Best Creative Child with Disabilities
- (xi) Best Braille Press
- (xii) Best "Accessible" Website
- (xiii) Best State in promoting empowerment of persons with disabilities and implementation of Accessible India Campaign; and
- (xiv) Best Sportsperson with disability.

9.2 With the coming into force of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 w.e.f. 19th April 2017, the numbers of specified disabilities have been increased from 7 to 21 under the new Act. Accordingly all the 21 disabilities have been included under the National Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Guidelines, 2018 which have been notified in the Extra-ordinary Gazette of India dated 2nd August, 2018.

9.3 For National Award, 2020, an advertisement inviting applications from persons belonging to all the 21 specified disabilities was published in the leading newspapers on 25th July, 2020 with the last date for submission of applications as 20th August, 2020 which was subsequently extended and applications received upto 16th October, 2020 were accepted. Besides, State Governments/Union Territory Administrators and Central Ministries/Departments were also requested to send nominations for National Awards in various categories as also to give wide publicity to the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The detailed scheme of National Awards as also the advertisement issued for calling applications was displayed in the website of the Department (www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in) in a downloadable format.

9.4 In all 1095 (997 hard copy + 98 on e-mail) applications were received. These applications were shortlisted on merit basis by four Screening Committees constituted for the purpose. The meeting of the National Selection Committee was postponed due to the prevailing situation in the year 2020 on account of Covid 19 pandemic. The shortlisted applications were considered by the National Selection Committee under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment for selection of the National Awardees for the year 2020.

In all 59 individuals/institutions have been recommended for National Awards for the year 2020 by the National Selection Committee for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

9.5 List of recipients of the National Awards for the year 2020 is at Annexure – 18 .

NEW INITIATIVES AND SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

10.1 Centres for Disability Sports

The main objective of the Centres for Disability Sports are to provide Persons with Disabilities the training facilities at par with the latest in the world so as to enable them to effectively compete and win medals in Paralympics, Deaflympics, Special Olympics and other International events for Sportspersons with Disabilities.



10.1.2 Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh: The Cabinet in its meeting held on 28.02.2019 approved establishment of one Center for Disability Sports at Gwalior (M.P.) with an estimated cost of Rs. 170.99 crores spread over a period of 5 years:-

- (i) Non-recurring Cost (construction, furniture, sports equipment-Rs.151.16 crore.
- (ii) Recurring Cost (Salary and Operation & Maintenance)- Rs.19.83 crore (for 3 years after the construction)

10.1.3 Sport facilities would include outdoor activities like Archery, Athletics, Football and Tennis, and Indoor activities like Badminton, Wheelchair Basketball, Table Tennis, Sitting Volleyball, Judo, Taekwondo, Wheelchair Fencing, Wheelchair rugby, Boccia, Goalball, Football 5-a-Side, Para Dance Sport and Para Powerlifting as well as a hostel.

10.1.4 Construction of the building and other infrastructure of the centre are being undertaken by the CPWD on turnkey basis which is likely to be completed by June, 2022.

10.2 Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEIC): Research studies suggest that early childhood (0-6 years) is a time of remarkable brain development and is the critical period that determines a person's ability to reach her/his lifelong health, social and economic potential. Providing quality childhood intervention early in their life helps to develop the skills needed to enable to lead an independent and dignified life. Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot, the then Hon'ble Minister, SJ&E on 17.06.2021 launched 14 single-window, contiguous Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs) in its 7 National Institutes (NIs) namely AYJNISHD Mumbai, NIEPID Secunderbad, NIEPMD Chennai, NIEPVD Dehradun, NILD Kolkata, PDUNIPPD New Delhi and SVNIRTAR Cuttack and 7

Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) at Bhopal, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Nellore, Patna, Rajnandgaon and Sundernagar. These CDEICs are equipped to screen and intervene in respect of all 21 categories of disabilities covered under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and provides (i) facilities for screening of children and identification of at risk cases, (ii) therapeutic services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, etc., (iii) counseling of parents and peer counseling and (iv) facilities for preparatory school to make the children with disability school ready.

10.3 Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID): Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot, the then Hon'ble Minister, SJ&E virtually launched a six month Community Based Inclusive Development programme on 19.05.2021 in the presence of Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, the then Hon'ble Minister of State, SJ&E, Mr Berry O' Farrell, Australian High Commissioner at New Delhi, Mr Manpreet Vohra, High Commissioner of India to Australia at Canberra and Ms Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD, Government of India. The programme aims to create a pool of grass-root rehabilitation workers at community level who can work alongside Asha and Anganwadi workers to handle cross disability issues and facilitate inclusion of persons with disabilities in the society. This programme has been co-designed by Rehabilitation Council of India and University of Melbourne to provide competency based knowledge and skills among these workers to enhance their ability for successfully discharging their duties. First batch of this programme commenced from September, 2021 in 16 institutes shortlisted by RCI which includes 6 National Institutes, 1 Composite Regional Centre, 1 Government organization of State of Haryana and 8 NGOs. 527 students have been enrolled in the first batch including 38 students with disabilities. Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister, SJ&E interacted with the students and faculty of the first batch of the programme on 30.10.2021 through virtual mode.

WORK ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The subjects, allocated to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) as per Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules are:-

1. The following subjects which fall within List I – Union List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution:
Indo-US, Indo-UK, Indo-German, Indo-Swiss and Indo-Swedish Agreements for Duty-free import of donated relief goods/supplies and matters connected with the distribution of such supplies.
2. The following subjects which fall within List-III – Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution (as regards Legislation only):
“Social Security and Social Insurance, save to the extent, allotted to any other Department”
3. For the Union Territories, till the following subjects which fall in List II- State List or List III – Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, in so far as they exist in regard to such territories:
“Relief to the Disabled and the unemployable; Social Security and Social Insurance, save to the extent allotted to any other Department”.
4. To act as the nodal Department for matters pertaining to Disability and Persons with Disabilities.
{Note: Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall be the nodal Department for the overall policy, planning and coordination of programmes for Persons with Disabilities. However, overall management and monitoring etc. of the sectoral programmes in respect of this group shall be the responsibility of the concerned Central Ministries, State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Each Central Ministry or Department shall discharge nodal responsibility concerning its own sector.}
5. Special schemes aimed at rehabilitation and social, educational and economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, e.g. supply of aids and appliances, scholarships, residential schools, skill training, concessional loans and subsidy for self-employment etc.
6. Education and Training of Rehabilitation Professionals.
7. International Conventions and Agreements on matters, dealt with in the Department e.g. United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
8. Awareness generation, research, evaluation and training in regard to subjects allocated to the Department.
9. Charitable and Religious Endowments and promotion and development of Voluntary Efforts pertaining to subjects, allocated to the Department.
10. Acts/Legislations/Policies
 - (i) The Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (34 of 1992);
 - (ii) The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999).
 - (iii) The Right of Persons with Disability Act, 2016 (49 of 2016)

11. Statutory Bodies
 - (i) The Rehabilitation Council of India.
 - (ii) The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.
 - (iii) The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.
12. CPSUs/Autonomous Bodies
 - (i) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation - registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956
 - (ii) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation, Kanpur.
13. National Institutes
 - (i) Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) New Delhi
 - (ii) Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack
 - (iii) National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD) Kolkata
 - (iv) National Institute for The Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun
 - (v) Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai (AYNISHD)
 - (vi) National Institute for The Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPID), Secunderabad
 - (vii) National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPMD), Chennai
 - (viii) Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)
 - (ix) National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh

Comprehensive Disability Inclusive Guidelines for protection and safety of persons with disabilities (Divyangjan) during COVID 19.

In view of the pandemic situation due to the outbreak and rapid spread of COVID19 across the world, the public health has been endangered both nationally and internationally, necessitating urgent measures on the part of both the Central and State Governments, aimed at containing the spread of the disease. The Government of India has declared the situation arising out of COVID 19 as a National Disaster and necessary guidelines have been issued under the National Disaster Management Act, 2005.

2. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India being the nodal Central Ministry on health issues has issued guidelines for general public as well as health workers to contain the spread of the disease. These are available on their website (www.mohfw.gov.in) which inter-alia contains:-
 - Awareness material (both in Hindi and English) for citizens and frontline workers;
 - Advisory on mass gatherings and social distancing ;
 - Guidelines and procedure to be followed by hospitals including telemedicine practices for patient care ;
 - Common Helpline Numbers 1075 011 23978046 9013151515
 - Frequently Asked Questions
- 3 . While COVID 19 is impacting the entire population persons with disabilities are more vulnerable to the disease due to their physical ,sensory and cognitive limitations As such ,there is a need to understand their disability specific requirements ,daily living activities and take appropriate and timely measures to ensure their protection and safety during situations of risk .
- 4 . Section 8 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act ,2016 guarantees equal protection and safety for persons with disabilities in these situations It also mandates Disaster Management Authorities at District /State /National levels to take measures to include persons with disabilities in disaster management activities and to keep them duly informed about these .These authorities are mandatorily required to involve the concerned State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities during disaster management In September 2019 ,National Disaster Management Authority , Union Ministry of Home Affairs issued National Disaster Management Guidelines on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR)in line with the above provisions . Further ,recently on 24th March 2020 ,Ministry of Home Affairs has issued guidelines for various authorities so as to prevent spread of COVID 19 for a period of 21 days starting from 25 3 2020 .
- 5 . While the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Home Affairs are applicable to all citizens ,the following measures are suggested which need to be acted upon by various State /District authorities to give focused attention to protection and safety of persons with disabilities during COVID 19 .
- 6 . General action points**
 - All information about COVID 19 ,services offered and precautions to be taken should be available in simple and local language in accessible formats ;i.e .in Braille and audible tapes for persons with visual impairment ,video graphic material with sub-titles and sign language interpretation for persons with hearing impairment and through accessible web sites .

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- Sign language interpreters who work in emergency and health settings should be given the same health and safety protection as other health care workers dealing with COVID19.
- All persons responsible for handling emergency response services should be trained on the rights of persons with disabilities ,and on risks associated with additional problems for persons having specific impairments .
- Relevant information on support to persons with disabilities should be a part of all awareness campaigns
- During quarantine essential support services personal assistance and physical and communication accessibility should be ensured e.g .blind persons ,persons with intellectual / mental disability (psycho social)are dependent on care giver support . Similarly persons with disabilities may seek assistance for rectification of fault in their wheelchair and other assistive devices .
- Caregivers of persons with disabilities should be allowed to reach Persons with disabilities by exempting them from restrictions during lockdown or providing passes in a simplified manner on priority .
- To ensure continuation of support services for persons with disabilities with minimum human contact ,due publicity needs to be given to ensuring personal protective equipments for caregivers .
- The Resident Welfare Associations should be sensitized about the need of persons with disabilities so as to allow entry of maid ,caregiver and other support providers to their residence after following due sanitizing procedure .
- Persons with disabilities should be given access to essential food ,water ,medicine , and ,to the extent possible ,such items should be delivered at their residence or place where they have been quarantined .
- The States /UTs may consider reserving specific opening hours in retail provision stores including super markets for persons with disabilities and older persons for ensuring easy availability of their daily requirements .
- Peer support networks may be set up to facilitate support during quarantine for PwDs ;
- Additional protective measures should be taken for persons with disabilities based on their impairment who need to be given travel pass during the emergency period and should also be sensitized for their personal safety and protection .
- Persons with disabilities should be given priority in treatment ;instead they should be given priority .Special care should be taken in respect of children and women with disabilities .
- Employees with blindness and other severe disabilities in both public and private sector should be exempted from essential 5 services work during the period as they can be easily catch infection .
- On line counselling mechanism should be developed to de stress persons with disabilities as well as their families to cope with the quarantine period .
- 24X7 Helpline Number at State Level is set up exclusively for Divyangjan with facilities of sign language interpretation and video calling .
- The States /UTs may consider involving Organisation of Persons with Disabilities in preparation and dissemination of information material on COVID 19 for use of PwDs .

7. Mechanism to resolve disability specific issues during the period

(a) State Commissioner for PwDs

- The State Commissioners for PwDs should be declared as the State Nodal authority in respect of persons with disabilities .
- They should be the overall in charge to resolve disability specific issues during the crisis period .
- They will coordinate with State Disaster Management Authority ,Health ,Police and other line Departments as well as District Collectors and district level officers dealing with persons with disabilities .
- They will be responsible to ensure that all information about COVID 19 ,public restriction plans services offered are available in local language in accessible formats .

b) District Officer dealing with empowerment of PwDs

- The District Officer dealing with empowerment of PwDs should be declared as the District Nodal authority in respect of persons with disabilities .
- He should have a list of PwDs in the District and monitor their requirements periodically and should have a separate list of persons with severe disabilities who need high support in the locality .
- He will be responsible for resolving the issue within the resources available and if necessary may take the help of Non Governmental Organisations and Civil Society Organisations /Resident Welfare Associations .

STATE-WISE POPULATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AS PER CENSUS 2011

S. No.	State	Total disabled population as per Census 2011
1	Andhra Pradesh	1219785
2	Arunachal Pradesh	26,734
3	Assam	4,80,065
4	Bihar	23,31,009
5	Chhattisgarh	6,24,937
6	Delhi	2,34,882
7	Goa	33,012
8	Gujarat	10,92,302
9	Haryana	5,46,374
10	Himachal Pradesh	1,55,316
11	J&K	3,61,153
12	Jharkhand	7,69,980
13	Karnataka	13,24,205
14	Kerala	7,61,843
15	Madhya Pradesh	15,51,931
16	Maharashtra	29,63,392
17	Manipur	58,547
18	Mizoram	15,160
19	Meghalaya	44,317
20	Nagaland	29,631
21	Odisha	12,44,402
22	Punjab	6,54,063
23	Rajasthan	15,63,694
24	Sikkim	18,187
25	Tamil Nadu	11,79,963
26	Telangana	10,46,822
27	Tripura	64,346
28	Uttar Pradesh	41,57,514
29	Uttarakhand	1,85,272
30	West Bengal	20,17,406
31	A&N Islands	6,660
32	Chandigarh	14,796
33	Daman & Diu	2,196
34	D& N Haveli	3,294
35	Lakshadweep	1,615
36	Puducherry	30,189
Total		2,68,14,994

**Details of the Implementation of revised schemes of
National Trust w.e.f. April 1st, 2018**

S. No.	Existing Scheme	Existing Structure		Revised scheme	Revised Structure		
		Set up cost (Rs.)	Monthly Recurring fund (Rs.)		Set up cost (Rs.)	Monthly Recurring fund (Rs.)	Staff required
1.	Disha (Early Intervention & School Readiness Scheme)	1.55 lakh	5,500/-	Disha-cum-Vikaas Scheme (batch size 40)	1.55 lakh	Rs.3500/- (Rs.3000/- + conveyance @ Rs.500/- p.m. per eligible bnf.) upto maximum for 30 eligible BPL benef. Ratio condition will remain same as per the guidelines.	(1) Early Intervention Therapist/OT/PT: any two (2) Sp Educator / Voc Trainer : any One (3) Counsellor : 3 times a week (4) Caregiver : 02 (5) Aaya : 02
2.	Vikaas (Day Care for 10 years Scheme)	1.95 lakh	4,850/-				
3.	Samarth (Respite Care Residential Scheme)	2.90 lakh	7,000/-	Samarth-cum Gharaunda (Residential Care) Scheme (Batch size 30)	1.90 lakh	Rs. 5,000/- upto maximum for 20 eligible BPL benef.	(1) OT : 01 (2) PT : 01 (3) Sp Educator / Voc Trainer : any One (4) Caregiver : 03 (5) Aaya : 02 (6) Cook : 01
4.	Gharaunda (Group Home for Adults)	2.90 lakh	10,000/-				
5.	Niramaya (Health Insurance Scheme)				same as it is		
6.	Sahyogi (Caregiver training scheme)	1.00 lakh		1) Trainee cost : - Primary- Rs.4,200 - Advance- Rs.8,000 2) Trainee stipend - Primary-Rs.5,000 - Advance- Rs.10,000	50,000/-	1) Trainee cost (Primary- 2000 & Advanced- Rs. 3000) 2) Trainee stipend (Primary-3000 & Advanced-5000)	
7.	Gyan Prabha (Educational support)				Scheme closed as similar scheme is being implemented by DEPwD, M/O SJE		
8.	Prerna (Marketing Assistance)				Scheme to be revised		
9.	Sambhav (Aids and Assisted Devices)				Scheme to be revised		
10.	Badhte Kadam (Awareness, Community Interaction and Innovative Project)				Only 1 program to each RO in a financial year		

SUCCESS STORY

I. PDUNIPPD, New Delhi

► **Department of Prosthetics and Orthotics, PDUNIPPD, New Delhi**

Krishna Kumar, a young boy from Kerala, having left congenital limb anomaly, known as PFFD, came to us for the prosthetic solution, which can help him in performing his ADL (activity for daily living) freely, walk without limping and trunk bending. The department of prosthetics and orthotics, assessed and evaluated in details accordingly, a prescription was generated on the basis of which he was fitted with biomechanically designed prosthesis. After fitment, he can walk with free knee joint movement, without any deviation and trunk bending. He is very satisfied with the prosthetic fitment and with his decision to come at PDUNIPPD. Now he is pursuing his higher education.



Patient with laser aligner system



Trial Prosthesis with Endoskeleton components



Final fitment with extension prosthesis

► **Department of Occupational Therapy, PDUNIPPD, New Delhi**

Mrs. X, Age 42 years visited Neuro rehabilitation and mobility unit department of Occupational Therapy, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with physical disabilities on 28/06/2021.

Occupation: Professor (Physics) & mother of a new born,

Chief complaint: Enable to swallow thick food, Enable to talk, Communication is not clear,

History: On 01/02/2021 Mrs. X, 42 yrs old pregnant female (24 wks pregnant during diagnosis) presented with complaints of growth over left lateral border tongue since last 2 ½ years with pain. MRI (05/02/2021) showed a mass involving left lateral border of tongue abutting the floor of mouth & gingivo lingual sulcus with no involvement of base tongue/floor of mouth. She underwent wide local excision of left lateral border of tongue with left extended supraomohyoid neck dissection on 15.02.2021 Received External Beam Radiotherapy.

Occupational therapy Management: Initial assessment of the patient showed poor oro-motor strength, Dysphagia, reduce facial expression & reduced tongue, neck and shoulder

movements. In management, we include tongue strengthening and Range of motion exercise like tongue extension and retraction etc. Jaw, lip & facial expression-based exercises. Dysphagia management includes effortful swallow Masako manoeuvre, supraglottic manoeuvre etc. Neck and shoulder exercise includes shakes exercises of type I, II, III and Range of Motion exercises. As the occupation of the subject demands good communication & oral articulation skills home program is given in which frequently reading slides with time limit was included. The subject was also a mother of new born so a frequent mother child communication was also prompted which includes singing rhymes, pronouncing words in the format of “vowel consonant vowel”. As COVID19 pandemic restrict the subject to visit OPD Tele-Rehabilitation also been provided. After 4 weeks of intensive sessions, the subject’s communication skills improved. She has no swallowing difficult. The endurance of taking long lectures was improved drastically and the subjects feel confident while communicating.

► **Success story of Autism Spectrum Disorder child.** A six years old boy was referred to PDUNIPPD with the diagnosis of ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder). He had significant developmental issues in social, communication and behaviour along with fear to walk independently without support. He had poor problem solving abilities and repeated certain words and phrases. He was not able to sit for scholastic activities due to poor attention span. He took regular therapy services at the institute and followed the home program including a routine schedule with defined physical, cognitive and social activities for training. He attended the group therapy programs organized from time to time in the department. Occupational therapy services helped him learn important social skills, eliminate fear while walking. He can now run and jump independently. He interacts with his peers and has better attention span. His improved posture, physical performance and confidence equip him for better performance of his daily activities. His therapy continues with the goal to further improvise his scholastic performance and problem solving skills.



II. SVNIRTAR, Cuttack

► **Trans-Femoral Amputee:** Mr. Kamadev Majhi, S/o - Late Bansidhar Majhi, Age-68, Male from Kendrapara district of Odisha has sustained injury with an explosion and suddenly lost his Rt. Lower Limb due to Trans Femoral Amputation surgery done at long days back. The patient is a poor farmer and managing his activities by using Axillary Crutches only. After getting information from YouTube, he reported to SVNIRTAR OPD on 20.10.2020 for Rehab. Management. The patient is now fitted with Endoskeletal Rt. Trans Femoral Prosthesis, which is light weight and maximum functional in ambulation activities.



▶ He is diagnosed as Rt. Trans Femoral Amputation at SVNIRTAR OPD. The patient is a Geriatric amputee with strong will power and good musculature body. So, the patient is fitted with Rt. Trans Femoral Prosthesis (Modular Design) with ranger foot. And the patient is continuing the gait training at Prosthetic & Orthotic Lab of SVNIRTAR and after completion of walking activity, he will be back to his previous profession.

▶ **Below Knee Amputee:** Mr. Panchu Bhuiyan, Age-35, Male, S/o – Shri Devenath Bhuyan, At-Banthapalli, PO- Kukuda Khandi, Block- Kukuda Khandi, Dist – Ganjam, State – Odisha. He was suffering from Rt. Below knee amputation and not able to work even in young age. He reported to SVNIRTAR OPD for Rehabilitation Management on 16.12.2021 and prosthesis fitment was done successfully in P&O lab of SVNIRTAR on 24.12.2021. The Patient is walking comfortably with high satisfaction. The above patient is now fitted with Rt. Trans Tibial Prosthesis (Modular Design) with Renger foot and pair of shoe in the department of Prosthetics & Orthotics of SVNIRTAR and after completion of gait training successfully; he will be discharged from our Institute shortly.



III. NILD, Kolkata

▶ **“A Dream doesn't come true by itself; we must pull it.”** Achintya Kumar Pal's inspiring life story proved that; we should "Never stop dreaming in life, even after breaking thousands of dreams, because dreams are the fuel of life that keeps you moving towards the goals that you have to achieve." His determination and will power completely turned his life in a positive way and has become a role model for many persons with disabilities.



▶ Achintya Kumar Pal son of Sh. Subal Ch. Pal was born on 4th May, 1991. He is Madhyamik passed. Previously Achintya was working as electrician, but after a terrific incident his life style has changed. Due to train accident on 1st January, 2016, he was referred to Burdwan Medical College & Hospital and where left below knee amputation was done to save his life. He was referred to NILD, Kolkata for treatment & rehabilitation.

He was assessed by Rehabilitation team at NILD, Kolkata and given necessary medical treatment, therapeutic intervention including counseling and guidance for social, psychological integration and career planning. Under ADIP Scheme twice below knee prosthesis has been given to him for making his life independent. Axillary Crutch was also provided to him under ADIP Scheme for mobility within the home.

Disability was never been a hindrance to Achintya. In this condition, he continued his studies and passed New Electrical Supervisor's License examination 2020 from Department of Power, Govt. of West Bengal. He successfully completed ITI in 2021. After that he prepared for Municipal Service Commission Group D Examination and cleared examination and interview in 1st attempt. He is appointed as Paribesh Bandhu under Kolkata Municipal Corporation at Shyampukur areas, in March, 2021. Achintya is now 30 years old, energetic & dynamic. He is devoted and dedicated towards his work and desires to improve his career. He is well supported by his family members, friends and the Society.

"A man who relentlessly perspires to be excellent evidently inspires many with his intelligence and elegance."

V. NIEPVD, Dehradun

▶ Shri Shivam Negi

A boy with tough physique and truly inspired by the life story of Cristiano Ronaldo, Shivam, is studying in 11th standard at Model School for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun. He was admitted to this school in Nursery class in July 2008. He belongs to Ranswa Village of Pauri Garhwal District in Uttarakhand. Presently, Shivam has applied for the Course of Diploma in Special Education (VI) running in the Institute. His father Shri Tajver Singh is a shop keeper and mother is a house wife. Earlier he had some sight but lost totally when he was in class 7th. He is good in studies and started playing Blind Cricket when he was in class 6th. The fact that one of his kidneys was removed during a surgery did not deter him in his passion for sports. He took inspiration from the life story of the great Portugese Footballer Cristiano Ronaldo, which he read when he was in class 8 who inspite of a heart surgery played football so well and achieved such great heights in the game. Soon after this Shivam decided to play blind football. He gained confidence in this game from his Sports Teacher and coach Shri Naresh Singh Nayal. Together they worked hard and the achievements till date can be summarized as follows: -Represented India in Blind Football in 2019.

▶ Shri Ravi Thakur A 30 years old, paraplegic adult, Ravi Thakur resident of Sundernagar Dist. Mandi (H.P) presented with history of fall from height on June 2020. At the time of injury, he was having lower back pain and not able to put weight on his legs. Immediately he was taken to civil hospital, Sundernagar by his attendants. After evaluation, MRI scan was taken and he was diagnosed with Burst fracture D12 Paraplegia with canal stenosis and cord compression. During COVID pandemic period, patient was shifted from civil hospital Sundernagar to Aastha hospital, Dist Mandi. Over there he was operated by decompression and fixation method under general anaesthesia. After stabilisation, he was discharged from there and referred to Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Physiotherapy Unit, Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities, CRC in November 2020 and was treated nearly for 6 months. Ravi was on wheelchair and not able to walk at that time. He was assessed again at Physiotherapy Unit (PMR). At the time of initial physiotherapy assessment, he was bed ridden and had marked stiffness in both lower limbs (hamstrings and quadriceps). He regained the strength in legs and after getting strength, he was given gait training in parallel bars and by using lumbar corset. Gait analysis was also done by using gait analyser system at CRC Sundernagar. Now, with tremendous effort of the patient, Ravi is able to walk independently both indoor and outdoor areas in such difficult hilly terrain & adverse climatic conditions. The parents reported considerable improvement in ambulation which they were not expecting and

pleased by great efforts from professionals of Physiotherapy Department, CRC SNR. Ravi has joined and resumed his duties at Mahindra & Mahindra Company, Dist. Mandi. with the health harmony and cooperation of CRC team has not only helped him physically but also achieved our motives of making a difference in lives of persons living in remote hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh.

V. AYJNISHD, Mumbai



Master Akhil Achuthan is a divyangjan individual with hearing impairment. He was born on 01/03/2001 and identified hearing loss at the age of 2.6 years. He did his early schooling from Don Bosco High School, Vikroli, Mumbai. He completed his education till 9th Standard from Don Bosco High School, Vikroli, and Mumbai. In year 2017, he was shifted to open education system for further education through SAIED of NIOS. The flexibility in choice of subjects, learning at one's own pace etc. helped Master Akhil to successfully complete his secondary education in 2020.

His passion of learning computer enabled him to pursue courses in Advance Graphics Design and MS-CIT. Currently, he is pursuing senior secondary education through NIOS. His hobbies are playing football and cricket. His dream is to

become a Web Designer. Master Akhil's determination and optimism in overcoming the challenges arised out of his disabling condition made him successful in pursuing education and skill training. He believes that very soon he will become a contributive and productive citizen of nation and will also guide other divyangjan children to get empowered through education and skill training's. Pooja Saini was born on 7th Jan, 1991 in New Delhi. Her parents came to know about her hearing loss when she was 2 years old after getting the BERA hearing test done from New Delhi Ear Hospital, Green Park. At age of 3, her parents took her to the Speech Pathology Teacher for Hindi Speech Therapy. They got a few other tests done which suggested her parents to purchase hearing aids for their daughter. After attending a few classes, her teacher found out that she was a very bright student and advised Pooja to attend a mainstream school.

She did her schooling from the mainstream school. In elementary school, she did not face any challenges and her private tutors always gave support to overcome the challenges. She was the topper from primary to eighth standards. At the age of 13, her parents reported at AYJNISHD Regional Centre (Lajpat Nagar II), New Delhi and discovered that she has Bilateral Profound Sensorineural Hearing Loss. In school, she proved her abilities in extracurricular activities such as Painting and Dancing etc. and won many prizes and awards. After moving to high school, she faced many problems but successfully faced with the support of family and rehabilitation professionals.

After completing school, she did her graduation in Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU). After her graduation, she went for her Master degree in Computer Applications (MCA) from GGSIPU. Her college dean and all the lecturers were very impressed and congratulated her as she was the first student to win in intercollegiate prize for the College.

On successful completion of education, she joined as a Global Helpdesk Analyst in Sapient. Though she faced communication challenges at job place, she contributed for the growth and development of the organisation. After working for 1.5 years, she had to leave her job due to a health issue. However, she worked for promoting accessibility and rights of Divyangjan Now she is learning more in personal development and also preparing for a Government job. She is hopeful that Divyangjan like her can contribute to the society if given a barrier free environment.

VI. NIEPID, Secunderabad

▶ **Bhupathi Rayudu** is a Mild Intellectual Disabled with 50% disability. He studied upto 5th Standard in normal school; he completed 10th class in open school. In the year of 2016, he was referred for Vocational Training and guidance in Department of Adult Independent Living (DAIL) at NIEPID. He received training in Photo Copier Activity, Spiral Binding, Lamination and Coffee Vending Machine Activity. By observing his improvements during his training period he was independent in all these activities. He is very punctual & regular, all work given to him, completes with smile, or complaining of over work. His mother says “work environment taught him many skills”. He gained self confidence and improved his social and communication skills. He learned the value of money. He is now self employed and started ladies corner & Photocopy Centre, He helps mother in other activities. He is able to do spiral binding, lamination and take printouts from emails & internet etc; He is good sports man, playing Cricket, Basket Ball, Shuttle, Table Tennis and Carrom. He is riding two wheeler (Activa) independently. He supports/helps mother in commuting and purchase of goods from wholesale shops.

▶ **Darshita Humne: Role Model in the field of LD:** Darshita Humne was born on 25th December, 2013. Initially, she was diagnosed as having delayed development. At the initial stage, her mother observed some problem in development and consulted the family physician who suggested sending to play school. Later she was diagnosed with Learning Disability. She was referred for further assessment and intervention at CRC, Rajnandgaon in the month of August, 2020. She is getting therapy since one year at CRC Rajnandgaon. When she joined the CRC, Rajnandgaon, she was unable to recognize colour, Dog picture, Train picture, Puzzle, Writing, Counting, and Painting etc. After 1 year therapy and training she was able to make Shape with colour concept, Dog picture puzzle, Train picture puzzle, counting, painting, writing which was given in TLM kit 1 and kit 2 that helped her to improve learning level with her mother and special educator. Currently after follow ups She is able to recognize numbers, 3 Colours and able to write 1 to 5 independently. During her training programme at CRC Rajnandgaon, She has been taught daily living skills which boosted her self-confidence and self-esteem.

VII. NIEPMD, Chennai

▶ **Mr. R. Dinesh** (31 year), Male is the first child of his family, born out of non-consanguineous marriage. He was diagnosed as Intellectual Disability with 60% impairment. He is supported by his father, mother, younger sister & brother. He studied in Government Primary School till the age of 14 years at Kanathur, Chengalpet district followed by Special Education Training & Vocational Education program at NIEPMD, Chennai. He joined NIEPMD in the year 2007 and underwent Special Education Training along with vocational guidance & counselling services. In Skill training unit, he got empowered for adult independent living skills, generic skills comprising of social skills, workplace behaviour skills, communication skills, self-advocacy skills etc., During the year 2012-2017, he was trained in trade specific training such as; Photocopy, Spiral Binding, Library Attender, Office Assistant etc., As a trained adult, Dinesh is punctual in his activities and completes the assigned task within the time schedule. He was friendly with his class-mates and had cordial relationship with all. Upon successful completion of the training, through Department of Adult Independent Living (Placement Cell), job opportunities were explored in various Universities, Colleges & Medical institutions. AMET University, Chennai was proud to appoint him as “**Library Attender**”. To add to his credit, he received National Award for the year 2020 under the category of “Best Employee- with Disability” – Male (Intellectual Disabilities). The award is hosted by DEPwD, MSJ&E, Govt. of India on 3rd December 2021 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Similarly, in the year 2018 based on his achievements he received State Award under the category of “Best Employee with Disability” – Male (Intellectual Disabilities) from the Office of State Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Aabled, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

▶ **Mr. G. Ganesh Kumar**, 33 year (Male) is the second child in the family. He was diagnosed as Cerebral Palsy with Intellectual Disability (90% Disability). He has been supported by his mother and elder sister. He studied in special education training center at Madurai. He joined NIEPMD in the year 2015 and underwent vocational guidance and counselling services. He was trained in Skill Training unit of Department of Adult Independent Living. In the year 2016, he joined “Sublimation Printing” skill training. He was very keen in learning of basic computer skills like, loading the pictures for printing, resizing, fixing the position. He communicates most of the information through facial expression and shows much care towards colleagues. Simultaneously he was passionate towards colors, fix a printing works on the background of the pictures with various combinations and finds out a suitable background. Upon successful completion of the training he started his own business along with mother namely “RAMYA GIFTS”. This initiative was supported and funded by Leonard Cheshire Project Nagapattinam & European Union Livelihood Project, under the Theme “Parent Child Supported Employment Initiatives”. To add to his credit, he received State Award for the year 2021 under the category of “Best Self-Employed with Disability” – Male (Multiple Disabilities) from the Office of State Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Abled, Govt. of Tamilnadu, on 3rd December 2021. In 2019 based on his achievements, as an entrepreneur, he received National Award under the category of “**Best Self-Employment with Disability**”– Male (Multiple Disabilities) from DEPwD, MSJ&E, Govt. of India.

VIII. ADIP Cochlear Implant SCHEME –SUCCESS STORIES

(i) Aaradhya Sonawane

Current Age: 9 years

CI Surgery Done Date: 27/02/2015



▶ Aaradhya got her cochlear implant at the age of 3 years from BYL Nair Charitable hospital, Mumbai. Currently she is 9 years old and studying in a special school for children with hearing impairment -CSED School, Mumbai in 3rd standard. Post-implant Aaradhya has become very vocal and she has achieved many appreciation certificates in both curricular as well as co – curricular activities. She has received second prize in Shloka recitation which reflects her excellent speaking abilities. She converses on phone and presents with good social skills. With the support from AYJNISHD (D) and motivated parents Aaradhya is constantly achieving success.

(ii) Mast. Vaibahv Surayavanshi

Current Age - 11 years

Surgery Done- 03/07/2015

▶ Vaibhav Suryavanshi had profound hearing loss due to which he could not hear and speak. At the age of 5 years he got implanted under ADIP CI scheme at Divya ENT Hospital, Bhopal. He attended regular therapy sessions at Divya ENT Hospital under ADIP cochlear Implant scheme. Today at the age of 11 years he is able to speak like any other normal hearing child of his age. He self-communicates with family, friends and relatives. He has achieved excellent academic skills; studying in 6th standard and he takes part in cultural and co-curricular activities. Looking at the improvement in his various skills parents is tremendously happy.



Details of Long term Courses (one or more than one year duration) run by National Institutes/Composite Regional Centres

PDUNIPPD, New Delhi

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of course	Sanctioned intake
1.	Bachelor of Physical Therapy	4 ½ Years	68
2.	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	4 ½ Years	68
3.	Bachelor of Prosthetics & Orthotics		4 ½ Years39
4.	Masters in Prosthetic & Orthotics	02 Years	11

CRC, Lucknow

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of course	Number of seats
1.	D.Ed SE (Visual Impairment)	2 Years	35
2.	D.Ed SE (Intellectual Disabilities)	2 Years	35

CRC, Srinagar

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of course	Number of seats
1.	Bachelor in Physiotherapy	4 Yrs + 6 months internship	25
2.	B.Ed Special Education	2 Yrs	30
3.	PG Diploma in Rehab Psychology	1 Academic Year	25
4.	Diploma in Rehabilitation Therapy	2 Yrs + 6 months Internship	25

SVNIRTAR, Cuttack

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of course	Number of seats
01	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	4 ½ years	62
02	Bachelor in Occupational Therapy	4 ½ years	62
03	Bachelor in Prosthetics & Orthotics	4 ½ years	46
04	Master of Physiotherapy	2 Years	15
05	Master of Occupational Therapy	2 Years	15
06	Master in Prosthetics & Orthotics	2 Years	10
07	DNB (PMR) Post MBBS	3 years	04
08	DNB (PMR) Post Diploma	2 years	04
09	Post Basic Diploma in Orthopaedic Nursing	01 year	10

NILD, Kolkata

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of course	Number of seats
Courses conducted at NILD, Kolkata			
1.	Bachelor in Physiotherapy	4 ½ Yrs.	57
2.	Bachelor in Occupational Therapy	4 ½ Yrs.	56
3.	Bachelor in Prosthetics & Orthotics	4 ½ Yrs.	37
4.	Master in Physiotherapy (Orthopaedics)	2 Yrs	7
5.	Master in Physiotherapy (Neurology)	2 Yrs	3
6.	Master in Occupational Therapy (Orthopaedics)	2 Yrs	7
7.	Master in Prosthetics & Orthotics	2 Yrs	7
8.	M.Sc. in Nursing (Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation Nursing)	2 Yrs	11
9.	Post Graduate Diploma in Disability Rehabilitation Management	1 Yr	17
10.	Diplomat National Board (PMR) Post MBBS	3 Yrs.	4
11.	Diplomat National Board (PMR) Post MBBS, Post Diploma	2 Yrs.	4
Courses conducted at CRC PATNA			
1.	Diploma in Hearing, Language & Speech (DHLS)	1 Yr	30
2.	Diploma in Special Education (VI)	2 Yrs	30
3.	Diploma in Special Education (HI)	2 Yrs	30
Courses conducted at RC AIZAWL			
1.	Diploma in Special Education (ID)	2 Yrs	25

NIIEPVD, Dehraudun

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration	In-take
HRD Training Programmes			
1.	M.Phil in Rehabilitation Psychology -1 Centre	2 Years	10
2.	M.Ed Special Education (V.I) -1 Centre	2 Years	20
3.	B.Ed Special Education (V.I) -4 Centres	2Years	230
4.	Diploma in Special Education (V.I)-11 Centres	2 Years	630
5.	Post graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology-1 Centre	1 Year	15
Skill Development Training Programme			
1.	Computer Operator and Programming Assistant	1 Year	21
3.	Braille Shorthand (Hindi)	1 Year	16
4.	Training Course in Braille Stenography & Secretarial Assistance	1 Year	15

CRC, Sundernagar:

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration	In-take
1.	Diploma in Education Special Education (Visual Impairment)	2 Years	60
2	Dip Diploma in Education Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	2 Years	60
3	Diploma in Education Special Education (Intellectual Disability)	2 Years	60
4.	Diploma in Education Special Education (Cerebral Palsy)	2 Years	60

CRC, Gorakhpur:

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration	In-take
1.	Diploma in Special Education(Multiple Disability)	2 Years	25

AYJNISHD (D), Mumbai

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration	Sanctioned intake
01	Ph.D. (Sp& Hg.)	3 + Years	20
02	Ph.D. (Spl. Edu.)	3 + Years	20
03	Master of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	2 Years	19
04	Master of Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	1 Year	23
05	Bachelor of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	4 Years	43
06	Bachelor of Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	1 Year	39
07	Post Graduate Diploma in Auditory Verbal Therapy	1 Year	20
08	Diploma in Sign Language Interpreter Course	2 Years	15
09	Certificate Course in Computer Software (for persons with Hearing Impairment)	1 Year	25

Regional Centre, Kolkata

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration	Sanctioned In-take
01	Master of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	2 Years	15
02	Bachelor of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	4 Years	31
03	Bachelor of Special Education (Hearing Handicapped)	2 Years	23
04	Bachelor of Education - Special Education – Distance Education (HI)	2.5 Years	40
05	Diploma in Education – Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	2 Years	31
06	Diploma in Sign Language Interpreter Course	2 Years	15
07	Diploma in Computer Application	1 Year	20

Regional Centre, Secunderabad

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration	Sanctioned In-take
01	Master of Science (Audiology)	2 Years	13
02	Bachelor of Audiology and Speech - Language Pathology	4 Years	31
03	Bachelor of Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	2 Years	31
04	Diploma in Education – Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	2 Years	31

Regional Center, Noida

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration	Sanctioned In-take
01	Bachelor of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology	4 Years	25
02	Bachelor of Education – Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	2 Years	30
03	Diploma in Hearing, Language and Speech	1 Year	20
04	Certificate Course in Computer Application for Persons with Hearing Impairment (Hearing Impairment)	1 Year	20

Regional Centre, Janla, Odisha

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration	Sanctioned In-take
01	Diploma in Special Education (HI)	2 Years	31
02	Diploma in Hearing, Language and Speech	1 Year	30
03	Bachelor of Education – Special Education (Hearing Impairment)	2 Year	30

NIEPID, Secunderabad

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1	M. Phil in Rehabilitation Psychology (ID)	2	15
2	M. Ed in Special Education (ID)	2	27
3	Post Graduation Diploma in Early Intervention	1	22
4	B. Ed in Special Education (ID)	2	33
5	Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education (ID)	1	30
6	D.Ed. in Special Education (ID)	2	30
7	Diploma in Vocational Rehabilitation (ID)	1	30

Regional Centre, Noida

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1	B. Ed in Special Education (ID)	2	38
2	D.Ed. in Special Education (ID)	2	33

Regional Centre, Navi Mumbai

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1	M. Ed in Special Education (ID)	2	15
2	B.Ed. in Special Education (ID)	2	20
3	Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education (ID)	1	30
4	Diploma in Vocational Rehabilitation (ID)	1	30

Regional Centre, Kolkata

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1	M. Ed in Special Education (ID)	2	13
2	B.Ed. in Special Education (ID)	2	33
3	D. Ed in Special Education (ID)	2	28
4	Diploma in Vocational Rehabilitation (ID)	1	25
5	B. Ed in Special Education (ID)- ODL	2	40

Composite Regional Centre, Nellore

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1	D. Ed in Special Education (HI)	2	25

Composite Regional Centre, Davangere

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1	D. Ed in Special Education (ID)	2	30
2	D. Ed in Special Education (HI)	2	30

Composite Regional Centre, Rajnandagaon

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1	D. Ed in Special Education (ID)	2	25

NIEPMD, Chennai

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1	M.Phil. (Clinical Psychology)	2	12
2	M.Ed Spl.Ed (Multiple Disabilities)	2	20
3	M.Ed Spl.Ed (Autism Spectrum Disorder)	2	20
4	B.Ed Spl.Ed (Multiple Disabilities)	2	20
5	B.Ed Spl.Ed (Autism Spectrum Disorder)	2	30
6	B.Ed Spl.Ed (Deafblind)	2	30
7	D.Ed Spl.Ed (Autism Spectrum Disorder)	2	25 +2 EWS
8	D.Ed Spl.Ed (Multiple Disabilities)	2	25 + 2 EWS
9	D.Ed Spl.Ed (Deafblind)	2	30 + 3 EWS
10	D.ED Spl.Ed (CerebralPalsy)	2	25 + 2 EWS
11	Post Graduate Diploma in Early Intervention	1	15
12	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	4 ½	25 + 3 EWS
13	Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology	4	20 + 2 EWS
14	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	4 ½	25 + 3 EWS
15	Bachelor of Prosthetics and Orthotics	4 ½	20

Composite Regional Centre, Kozhikode

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1.	D.ED.Spl.Edn (ASD)	2	30
2.	D.Ed. Spl.Edn (MD)	2	30
3.	D.Ed.Spl.Edn (ID)	2	30

ISLRTC, New Delhi

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1.	Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI)	2 years	45
2.	Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language (DTISL)	2 years	20

NIMHR, Sehore

S. No.	Name of the course	Duration of the course	No. of seats
1.	Diploma in Vocational Rehabilitation - Intellectual Disability (DVR-ID)	1 Year	30
2.	Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation (DCBR)	1 Year	30
3.	Certificate Course in Care Giving – Mental Health (CCCG)	10 Months	30

The States/UTs wise number of proposals received and number of proposals sanctioned during 2018-19 to 2021-22 under DDRS

S. No.	Name of the State	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (As on 31.12.2021)	
		Received	Sanctioned*	Received	Sanctioned*	Received	Sanctioned*	Received	Sanctioned*
1	Andhra Pradesh	69	79	66	67	69	65	24	20
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	12	11	11	8	3	5	0	1
4	Bihar	1	4	0	1	2	0	0	1
5	Chattisgarh	1	4	0	2	0	1	0	0
6	Delhi	10	5	0	3	7	6	0	3
7	Goa	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Gujarat	21	17	19	10	16	5	7	6
9	Haryana	23	16	23	12	15	9	0	4
10	Himachal Pradesh	5	4	6	5	5	6	4	4
11	Jammu & Kashmir	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
12	Jharkhand	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
13	Karnataka	3	5	3	2	3	3	0	1
14	Kerala	40	49	43	29	38	27	0	20
15	Madhya Pradesh	42	21	22	11	16	16	9	7
16	Maharashtra	20	21	16	19	2	10	0	0
17	Manipur	26	39	25	28	25	22	0	11
18	Meghalaya	6	6	7	4	6	4	0	1
19	Mizoram	2	2	6	2	5	1	2	0
20	Nagaland	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	0
21	Odisha	51	49	49	49	43	42	0	36
22	Punjab	10	7	11	4	10	4	0	1
23	Rajasthan	15	19	8	19	11	8	0	8
24	Tamil Nadu	14	20	26	17	0	11	0	6
25	Tripura	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	52	48	41	44	49	42	2	23
27	Uttrakhand	8	6	4	3	1	3	0	2
28	West Bengal	28	31	20	20	28	13	3	11
29	Telangana	54	70	50	67	44	34	0	17
30	Puducherry	4	4	4	3	4	2	0	2
	Total	524	543	460	432	405	340	53	185

* These numbers include carried forward proposals of the previous year also.

State/UT-wise funds released under DDRS during 2018-19 to 2021-22

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the State	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (As on 31.12.2021)
1	Andhra Pradesh	1452.75	2663.05	1711.80	479.28
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
3	Assam	90.86	124.72	62.02	21.25
4	Bihar	43.87	23.67	0.00	25.74
5	Chattisgarh	40.64	49.78	1.63	0
6	Delhi	29.62	32.65	247.67	71.17
7	Goa	0.59	0.00	0.00	0
8	Gujarat	97.44	131.96	23.32	42.54
9	Haryana	130.74	154.81	140.18	58.01
10	Himachal Pradesh	55.72	71.77	55.31	18.26
11	Jammu & Kashmir	5.79	4.53	0.00	0
12	Jharkhand	1.59	10.39	0.00	0
13	Karnataka	86.05	41.31	81.29	57.32
14	Kerala	584.86	611.82	628.30	521.91
15	Madhya Pradesh	162.96	155.50	214.84	95.40
16	Maharashtra	202.21	342.21	154.33	0
17	Manipur	525.16	974.01	530.09	309.44
18	Meghalaya	54.32	32.59	105.37	11.89
19	Mizoram	19.88	33.90	11.73	0
20	Nagaland	2.49	2.48	26.31	0
21	Odisha	732.76	1001.05	742.03	642.76
22	Punjab	45.54	133.65	98.91	13.63
23	Rajasthan	152.21	261.60	144.01	130.09
24	Tamil Nadu	272.19	191.90	208.24	54.01
25	Tripura	0.27	0.00	0.00	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	760.28	1018.59	1161.31	515.47
27	Uttrakhand	28.65	84.07	29.37	27.04
28	West Bengal	365.88	335.46	311.65	273.99
29	Telangana	1014.16	1646.76	1034.30	545.37
30	Pudducherry	40.42	32.61	18.48	20.22
	Total	6999.9	10166.84	7742.49	3934.79

State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries under DDRS during 2018-19 to 2021-22

S. No.	Name of the State	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (As on 31.12.2021)
1	Andhra Pradesh	7268	6187	5620	1675
2	Assam	469	603	248	49
3	Bihar	323	53	0	51
4	Chattisgarh	229	187	110	0
5	Delhi	369	501	685	470
6	Goa	70	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	762	864	378	411
8	Haryana	935	512	505	182
9	Himachal Pradesh	100	302	212	98
10	Jammu & Kashmir	43	81	0	0
11	Jharkhand	0	64	0	0
12	Karnataka	675	339	373	157
13	Kerala	3780	2112	1656	1570
14	Madhya Pradesh	1389	639	822	325
15	Maharashtra	836	3036	2049	0
16	Manipur	3209	2597	1523	1114
17	Meghalaya	645	443	322	27
18	Mizoram	153	168	20	0
19	Nagaland	30	30	47	0
20	Odisha	3143	3239	5953	4556
21	Punjab	595	588	272	21
22	Rajasthan	1780	1096	370	340
23	Tamil Nadu	1368	786	706	383
24	Tripura	70	0	0	0
25	Uttar Pradesh	4623	4105	3580	1949
26	Uttrakhand	320	197	144	106
27	West Bengal	2417	3621	1935	1028
28	Telangana	5968	5513	3932	1689
29	Pudducherry	234	141	80	65
	Total	41803	38004	31542	16266

Details of Grant-in-Aid released to Non-Governmental Organisation under DDRS during 2021-22 (As on 31.12.2021)

S. No.	Name of the NGOs and Location	Amount
1	Adi Andhra Educational Society, PRAKASAM, ANDHRA PRADESH	2555010
2	Adi Andhra Educational Society, PRAKASAM, ANDHRA PRADESH	1522023
3	Chaitanya Institute for the Learning Disabled, VIZIANAGARAM, ANDHRA PRADESH	2451013
4	Helen Keller's School for the Deaf, CUDDAPAH, ANDHRA PRADESH	728633
5	Indian Red Cross Society (Nellore), NELLORE, ANDHRA PRADESH	2914627
6	Indian Red Cross Society(Kakinada), EAST GODAVARI, ANDHRA PRADESH	1681665
7	Kala Social Welfare Society, Guntur, ANDHRA PRADESH	1290706
8	Kalyani Rural Rehabilitation and Educational Society, WEST GODAVARI, ANDHRA PRADESH	208152
9	Kranti Education Society, Kurnool, ANDHRA PRADESH	2349725
10	Lebenshilfe, VISHAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH	6631070
11	Maharishi Sambamurty Institute of Social Development EAST GODAVARI, ANDHRA PRADESH	1552060
12	Manasika Vikasa Kendram, KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH	396088
13	Pavani Institute for Multiple Handicapped & Spastics, VISHAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH	3375773
14	Pragathi Charities, NELLORE, ANDHRA PRADESH	3405264
15	Pragathi Charities, NELLORE, ANDHRA PRADESH	1681563
16	Rastriya Seva Samithi, CHITTOOR, ANDHRA PRADESH	556890
17	S.K.R. Pupils Welfare Society, Prakasam, ANDHRA PRADESH	2665283
18	Sree Vivekananda Educational Society, EAST GODAVARI, ANDHRA PRADESH	3173015
19	Sunlight Educational Society, SRIKAKULAM, ANDHRA PRADESH	2549831
20	Voluntary Organisation of Rural Development Society, KURNOOL, ANDHRA PRADESH	6239527
21	North East Voluntary Association of Rural Development (NEVARD), GUWAHATI, ASSAM	2125179
22	Baba Garib Nath Viklang Sahjan Sewa Sansthan, MUZZAFARPUR, BIHAR	2573617
23	Akshay Pratisthan, DELHI, DELHI	4150626

S. No.	Name of the NGOs and Location	Amount
24	Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, DELHI, DELHI	1495706
25	National Association for the Blind(Delhi), DELHI, DELHI	1470308
26	Akshar Trust, VADODARA, GUJARAT	1186690
27	Jayshree Maruti Nandan Kishan Vikas Education Trust, Dahod, GUJARAT	481461
28	Khodiyar Education Trust, MEHSANA, GUJARAT	559486
29	Medical Care Centre Trust, VADODARA, GUJARAT	147921
30	Viklang Sarvangi Vikas Trus, Dahod, GUJARAT	124717
31	Viklang Sarvangi Vikas Trus, Dahod, GUJARAT	1753740
32	Amar Jyoti Foundation, JIND, HARYANA	908511
33	Dot Asha Centre(Army Welfare Society), HISSAR, HARYANA	1237053
34	Indian Red Cross Society (Rohtak), ROHTAK, HARYANA	1351817
35	Modern Education Society, SONIPAT, HARYANA	2303640
36	CHETNA, BILASPUR, HIMACHAL PRADESH	414943
37	CHETNA, BILASPUR, HIMACHAL PRADESH	348119
38	National Association for the Blind (Kullu), KULLU, HIMACHAL PRADESH	318634
39	Paradise Children Care Centre, CHAMBA, HIMACHAL PRADESH	744328
40	Viswadharna Mahila Mattu Makkala Shikshan Sevashram Samiti, DHARWAD, KARNATAKA	5731839
41	Alphons Social Center, ERNAKULAM, KERALA	2614816
42	Ashanilayam, KOTTAYAM, KERALA	1566143
43	Ashanilayam Social Service Centre, KOTTAYAM, KERALA	1570537
44	Charitable Society for Welfare of Disabled, ERNAKULAM, KERALA	1947321
45	Chavara Special School for the Mentally Retarded, ERNAKULAM, KERALA	504103
46	Emmaus Villa, WAYANAD, KERALA	3986666
47	Faith India, ERNAKULAM, KERALA	5689473
48	Karuna Charitable Society, KOLLAM, KERALA	2350319
49	Marian Service Society, PALAKKAD, KERALA	2133857
50	MGM Bethany Santhi Bhavan, PATHANAMTHITTA, KERALA	3669700
51	Rotary Institute for Children in Need of Special Care, THIRUVANTHAPURAM, KERALA	5530314
52	Sanjose Welfare Centre, KOTTAYAM, KERALA	1302554
53	Santhinilayam for Handicapped Children, KOTTAYAM, KERALA	3514254

S. No.	Name of the NGOs and Location	Amount
54	Seva Niketan, KOTTAYAM, KERALA	722300
55	Sneharam Charitable Society, TRICHUR, KERALA	4426203
56	Social Welfare Centre, TRICHUR, KERALA	4748805
57	Society for Rehabilitation of Mentally Deficient Children, KANNUR, KERALA	1647297
58	St.Joseph Mental Health Care Home, TRICHUR, KERALA	2046258
59	St.Joseph Mental Health Care Home, TRICHUR, KERALA	278369
60	St.Joseph's Social Centre, ALLAPUZHA, KERALA	1941466
61	EHSAAS, Gwalior, MADHYA PRADESH	1310566
62	Nav Jyoti Special School, Jabalpur, MADHYA PRADESH	1276778
63	Prem Sagar Special School run by Daughters of the St. Thomas Society, UJJAIN, MADHYA PRADESH	1037134
64	Rajul Viklang Palak Abhibhavak Utthan Samiti, Vidisha, MADHYA PRADESH	1298154
65	Raman Shiksha Samiti, Gwalior, MADHYA PRADESH	1401705
66	Shalom Special School, Bhopal, MADHYA PRADESH	1552973
67	Sneh Shikshan avam Manav Seva Sansthan, Rewa, MADHYA PRADESH	1662256
68	Achievement of Rising Maiden, Imphal West, MANIPUR	3663815
69	Centre for Development Activities, Thoubal, MANIPUR	345925
70	Educational And Rural Development Organisation, thoubal, Manipur, Thoubal, MANIPUR	1039262
71	Kangchup Area Tribal Women Society, IMPHAL, MANIPUR	721825
72	Manipur Guidance Centre (MAGC), BISHNUPUR, MANIPUR	2535150
73	Re-Creation, A Voluntary Agency (Spastics society of Manipur), IMPHAL, MANIPUR	1759826
74	Rural Development Society, Thoubal, Manipur, Thoubal, MANIPUR	388950
75	Social and Health Development Organisation, IMPHAL, MANIPUR	1741505
76	Social Human Action for Rural Empowerment, Churanchandpur, MANIPUR	2315250
77	Type Writing Institution and Rural Development Service, THOUBAL, MANIPUR	10449070
78	Type Writing Institution and Rural Development Service, THOUBAL, MANIPUR	5983818
79	Asha Rehabilitation Centre (Army Welfare Society, New Delhi), SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA	1188724
80	All India Women's Conference, GANJAM, ORISSA	2255186

S. No.	Name of the NGOs and Location	Amount
81	Association for Social Help in Rural Area (ASHRA), BOLANGIR, ORISSA	1171451
82	Association for Social Reconstructive Activities, CUTTACK, ORISSA	4141732
83	Association for Social Reconstructive Activities, CUTTACK, ORISSA	610628
84	Association for Social Work and Social Research in Orissa, BOUDH, ORISSA	1625062
85	Association for Voluntary Action (AVA), PURI, ORISSA	2246069
86	Association for Voluntary Action (AVA), PURI, ORISSA	588919
87	Association for Voluntary Action (AVA), PURI , ORISSA	1344330
88	Association for Voluntary Action (AVA), SUNDARGARH, ORISSA	2288880
89	Bhairabi Club, KHURDA, ORISSA	1791797
90	Bhairabi Club, KHURDA, ORISSA	501367
91	Bhairabi Club, KHURDA, ORISSA	2362240
92	Bharat Jyoti, CUTTACK, ORISSA	383427
93	Centre for Rehabilitation and Research (CRSR), Bhadrak, ORISSA	785160
94	Centre for Rehabilitation Services & Research (CRSR), BHADRAK, ORISSA	2777288
95	Centre for Rehabilitation Services and Research, BHADRAK, ORISSA	2620107
96	District Disabled School, JHARSUGUDA, ORISSA	1828266
97	Gandhian Institute of Technical Advancement (GITA), Kendrapara, ORISSA	1296214
98	Indian Red Cross Society, CUTTACK, ORISSA	2263087
99	Kabi Narasingha Matha Blind & Deaf School, Bakilikana, GANJAM, ORISSA	4802669
100	Maharaja Krushna chandra Gajapati School for the Blind and Deaf, GAJAPATI, ORISSA	3524655
101	National Rural Development Cooperation (NRDC), SUBARNAPUR, ORISSA	820825
102	National Rural Development Cooperation (NRDC), SUBARNAPUR, ORISSA	936813
103	National Rural Development Cooperation (NRDC), SUBARNAPUR, ORISSA	320136
104	Nehru Seva Sangh, KHURDA, ORISSA	1817174
105	Nilachal Seva Prathisthan, PURI, ORISSA	8238663
106	Open Learning Systems, KHORDHA, ORISSA	645075

S. No.	Name of the NGOs and Location	Amount
107	Regional Rehabilitation and Research Centre, SUNDARGARH, ORISSA	289864
108	Regional Rehabilitation and Research Centre, ROURKELA, ORISSA	1012333
109	Regional Rehabilitation and Research Centre, ROURKELA, ORISSA	662543
110	Regional Rehabilitation and Research Centre, SUNDARGARH, ORISSA	2181143
111	Rural Development Action Cell (RDAC), Mayurbhanj, ORISSA	249255
112	Rural Development Action Cell (RDAC), Mayurbhanj, ORISSA	1118880
113	Saheed Yuba Sangha, Nayagarh, ORISSA	1869654
114	The Institute for Helping Disabled, BHUBANESHWAR, ORISSA	2064971
115	Union for Learning, Training and Reformative Activities, KHURDA, ORISSA	840285
116	Satya Special School, Puducherry, PUDUCHERRY	1544336
117	Uma Educational and Technical Society, YANAM, PUDUCHERRY	477244
118	Tek Chand Sud Charitable Trust, Hoshiarpur, PUNJAB	1362832
119	Gramin Uthan Manav Sansthan, Bikaner, RAJASTHAN	2082250
120	Gurukul Spastic Society, Jaipur, RAJASTHAN	781359
121	Marudhara Bal Shikshan Sansthan, Jodhpur, RAJASTHAN	1603575
122	Prayas, Centre for Special Education & Vocational Training, JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN	1989265
123	Sambal Samiti, Jaipur, Jaipur, RAJASTHAN	2101399
124	Sambhav School for Autism Evam Multiple Disability, JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN	1771867
125	Shikhar Society for the Welfare of Mentally Handicapped, KOTA, RAJASTHAN	1665078
126	Tapovan Manovikas Vidyalaya Samiti, SRIGANGANAGAR, RAJASTHAN	1014033
127	Development Education Centre, THIRUVELLUR, TAMIL NADU	355357
128	Dr.Dathu Rao Memorial Charitable Trust, CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU	737489
129	Kongu Arivalayam School for Mentally Retarded, ERODE, TAMIL NADU	931297
130	M.S Chellamuthu Trust & Research Foundation, MADURAI, TAMIL NADU	1411841
131	Sapthagiri Rehabilitation Trust, Virudhnagar, Tamil Nadu, Virudhunagar, TAMIL NADU	836973
132	The School for Young Deaf Children (Bala Vidyalaya), CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU	1128006

S. No.	Name of the NGOs and Location	Amount
133	Devnar Foundation for the Blind, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA	11239660
134	Manasika Vikasa Kendram, VIJAYAWADA, TELANGANA	3319739
135	PAMENCAP, SECUNDEARBAD, TELANGANA	1936176
136	PAMENCAP(Godavarikhani), PEDDAPALLI, TELANGANA	2330393
137	PAMENCAP(Karimnagar), KARIMNAGAR, TELANGANA	1900745
138	PAWMENCAP, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA	6289299
139	PAWMENCAP, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA	677903
140	PAWMENCAP, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA	1840272
141	People with Hearing Impaired Network, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA	3726446
142	Sadhana Society for Mentally Handicapped, Medchala & Malkajgiri, TELANGANA	1351427
143	Sadhana Society for Mentally Handicapped, MEDCHALA AND MALKAJGIIR, TELANGANA	3547562
144	Sadhana Society for Mentally Handicapped, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, TELANGANA	271583
145	Sneha Society for Rural Reconstruction, NIZAMABAD, TELANGANA	4678905
146	Surya Kiran Parents Association for the Welfare of M.H., GUNTUR, TELANGANA	2828030
147	Sweekaar Academy of Rehabilitation Sciences, Hydrabad, TELANGANA	5516063
148	Thakur Hari Prasad Institute of Research and Rehab. For MH, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA	111388
149	The Karimnagar District Freedom Fighters' Trust, KARIMNAGAR, TELANGANA	2971426
150	Adarsh Mook Badhir Vidyalaya, LAKHIMPUR, UTTAR PRADESH	1599604
151	Akhil Bharatiya Viklang Kalyan Samiti, FAIZABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	1509311
152	Anand Training Charitable Society, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	2619787
153	Arya sugandh Santhan (Formerly as apangh Ashaya jan Vikas Santhan), BIJNOR, UTTAR PRADESH	461691
154	B C G School for the Deaf, VARANASI , UTTAR PRADESH	1872999
155	Badhit Bal Vikas Samiti, AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH	2471130
156	Bhartiya Chauhan Samiti, AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH	581816
157	CHEटना, LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH	1939235
158	CHEटना, LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH	2263911
159	K S J High School, MORADABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	2523536

S. No.	Name of the NGOs and Location	Amount
160	Pawahari Smriti Parishad, GHAZIPUR, UTTAR PRADESH	636368
161	Pawahari Smriti Parishad, GHAZIPUR, UTTAR PRADESH	1144994
162	Rajeshwari Seva Sansthan, Auraiya, UTTAR PRADESH	565425
163	Rajeshwari Seva Sansthan, Auraiya, UTTAR PRADESH	1983980
164	Samajik Uthan Samiti, Ballia, UTTAR PRADESH	1422684
165	Samarpan Sansthan, GHAZIPUR, UTTAR PRADESH	3690630
166	Sanchit Vikas Sansthan, Basti, UTTAR PRADESH	445554
167	Sant Ravidas Samaj Kalyan Shiksha Samiti, Etawah, UTTAR PRADESH	1916371
168	Society for Institute of Psychological Research and health, JP NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH	2777584
169	Sri Hanuman Prasad Poddar Andh Vidyalaya, VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH	3657213
170	The Society of Khrist Jyoti, VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH	1286247
171	Uttar Pradesh Mook Badhir Vidyalaya, Allahabad, UTTAR PRADESH	9196151
172	Uttar Pradesh Mook Badhir Vidyalaya, ALLAHABAD, UTTAR PRADESH	4980387
173	Shri Bharat Mandir School Society, DEHRADUN, UTTARANCHAL	354825
174	Viklang Mandbudhi Kalyan Samiti, NAINITAL, UTTARANCHAL	2349142
175	Alakendu Bodh Niketan Residential, MURSHIDABAD, WEST BENGAL	1802310
176	Alakendu Bodh Niketan Residential, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL	1492946
177	BIKASHAYAN, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL	70965
178	Chittaranjan Smriti Pratibandhi Seva Kendra, 24 PARGANAS (NORTH), WEST BENGAL	918125
179	Institute for the Handicapped and Backward People, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL	8493390
180	Institute for the Handicapped and Backward People, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL	5549961
181	Korak Pratibandhi Kalyan Kendra, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL	822616
182	North Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society, DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL	1912362
183	North Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society, DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL	4755302
184	Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys Academy, Narendrapur, 24 PARGANAS (SOUTH), WEST BENGAL	25602
185	Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys Academy, Narendrapur, 24 PARGANAS (SOUTH), WEST BENGAL	1555336
Total		393476550

The posts admissible for grant under DDRC

S. No.	Posts & qualifications	Honorarium after using multiplication factor of 2.50 (Rs) (*)
1	Clinical Psychologist (M.Phil in clinical Psychology/ MA in Psychology preferably with 2 years experience in the field of disability rehabilitation)	20500
2	Sr Physiotherapist/Occupational Therapist (Post Graduate in related field with 5 years experience	20500
3	Orthopedically Handicapped Sr. Prosthetist/Orthotist - Degree in Prosthetic and Orthotic preferably from National Institute with 5 yrs experience or a diploma in Prosthetic & Orthotic with 6 years experience.	20500
4	Prosthetist/Orthotist technician ITI trained with 2/3 years experience	14500
5	Sr Speech Therapist/Audiologist (Post graduate in related field/B.Sc (Speech & Hearing)	20500
6	Hearing Assistant/Junior Speech Therapist - Diploma in Speech & Hearing with knowledge of hearing aids repair/ear mould making	14500
7.	Mobility Instructor - Matriculation + Certificate/ Diploma in Mobility	14500
8.	Multipurpose Rehabilitation Worker (10+2 with diploma in CBR/MRW course or one year diploma course in early childhood special education with two years of experience)	14500
9.	Accountant cum clerk cum storekeeper (B.Com/SAS with 2 years experience)	14500
10	Attendant cum Peon cum Messenger (VIII class Pass)	9500
11	Field & Publicity Assistant. (Graduate)	14500
12	Vocational Counselor cum Computer Assistant (Graduate)	14500

[* 20% extra for Special areas]

State/UT-wise number of DDRCs assisted, amount released during 2018-19 to 2021-22

S. No.	Name of the State	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (As on 31.12.2021)	
		Amount	No. DDRC	Amount	No. DDRC	Amount	No. DDRC	Amount	No. DDRC
1	Andhra Pradesh	7310350	1	2727336	1	3486017	2	2945237	1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	7379578	4	6948399	4	2868072	1	2870357	1
4	Bihar	131850	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Gujarat	2197445	2	2855307	2	2000484	2	0	0
6	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	1156550	1	1388059	1	0	0
7	Jammu & Kashmir	416160	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Madhya Pradesh	12827036	14	119441	1	3346234	3	0	0
9	Maharashtra	3214121	4	6350200	2	2578000	1	0	0
10	Manipur	580200	1	0	0	6614500	3	4992300	2
11	Meghalaya	198989	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Odisha	0	0	0	0	4712250	2	2120410	1
13	Punjab	3602712	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Rajasthan	784016	2	806761	2	657400	1	2602038	2
15	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Uttar Pradesh	11928064	9	6059915	5	17393261	9	7393890	4
17	Uttarakhand	415475	1	1068470	1	7331201	1	0	0
18	West Bengal	210460	1	2211000	2	2464669	1	0	0
19	Telangana	0	0	0	0	2716250	1	0	0
20	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1449000	1	1456583	1	0	0	0	0
21	Pudducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	52645456	45	31759962	22	57556397	28	22924232	11

**Details of Grant-in-aid released to DDRC during 2021-22
(As on 31.12.2021)**

S. No	Name of the DDRCs	Implementing Agency	Installment	For the Year	Amount
1	DDRC, Kushinagar	Indian Red Cross Society	Full & Final Installment	2017-18	678240
2	DDRC, East Godavari	Uma Educational & Technical Society	Full & Final Installment	2020-21	2945237
3	DDRC, Cachar	Wodwichee	Full & Final Installment	2020-21	2870357
4	DDRC, Bishnupur	The Pioneer Development Association	1st Installment	2021-22	2496150
5	DDRC, Ukhurul	Social and Health Development Organisation	1st Installment	2021-22	2496150
6	DDRC, Badau	Prabhat Gramoudyog Seva Sansthan	Full & Final Installment	2020-21	1996076
7	DDRC, Kushinagar	Indian Red Cross Society	Full & Final Installment	2019-20	1679755
8	DDRC, Udaipur	Narayan Seva Sansthan	Full & Final Installment	2019-20	1409613
9	DDRC, Rampur	Upasana Jan Kalyan Sewa Samiti	Full & Final Installment	2020-21	1673921
10	DDRC, Dhenkanal	Arun Institute of Rural Affairs	1st Installment	2021-22	2120410
11	DDRC, Kanpur Dehat	Pramila Katiyar Charitable & Educational Welfare Trust	2nd & Final Installment	2019-20	451765
12	DDRC, Kanpur Dehat	Pramila Katiyar Charitable & Educational Welfare Trust	1st Installment	2020-21	914133
13	DDRC, Jalore	Zilla Viklang Sansthan	Full & Final Installment	2019-20	610874
14	DDRC, Jalore	Zilla Viklang Sansthan	Full & Final Installment	2020-21	581551
Total					22924232

State-wise details of camps conducted, funds utilized and number of beneficiaries covered under various activities during the last three years and current year (upto 31.12.2021) by various Implementing Agencies under ADIP Scheme.

S. No.	Name of the State/UTs	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
		No. of Camps utilized	Funds utilized (Rs.in Lakh)	No. of Camps utilized	Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of Camps utilized	Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of Camps utilized	Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	24	1030.66	29	802.02	27	1490.75	37	1418.04
2	Bihar	27	829.93	8	208.79	62	667.39	14	324.47
3	Chhattisgarh	3	18.76	16	561.89	13	400.80	3	15.37
4	Goa	2	51.05	1	2.48	3	173.03	1	2.62
5	Gujarat	28	1074.74	21	1215.03	48	968.29	10	381.00
6	Haryana	33	671.05	31	1013.10	10	306.79	25	302.06
7	Himachal Pradesh	21	78.57	5	27.10	15	108.76	11	57.62
8	Jammu & Kashmir	21	247.35	11	213.19	33	212.6	35	245.04
9	Jharkhand	14	259.41	2	102.86	16	162.19	30	216.72
10	Karnataka	62	687.48	29	718.20	22	481.01	22	285.79
11	Kerala	82	410.40	15	187.07	68	300.27	16	148.86
12	Madhya Pradesh	84	1241.07	152	948.41	83	1696.51	210	1130.29
13	Maharashtra	127	2317.70	145	2972.97	122	2482.85	32	2165.49
14	Odisha	54	341.25	147	723.18	136	981.72	35	471.48
15	Punjab	29	1835.35	101	914.25	43	449.65	132	1006.2
16	Rajasthan	41	1446.35	43	1159.00	49	607.96	3	99.25
17	Tamil Nadu	72	708.02	37	879.25	58	557.09	44	565.31
18	Uttar Pradesh	175	3540.71	185	5234.60	236	3548.46	192	2352.13
19	Uttarakhand	68	150.32	45	178.09	73	262.22	15	125.33
20	West Bengal	64	1321.46	42	825.51	46	713.05	4	204.4
21	Andaman & Nicobar	5	33.61	1	6.21	1	5.33	0	6
22	Chandigarh	2	3.88	1	11.83	4	46.46	1	19.68
23	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	17.79	333	2.49	93	0	0
24	Daman & Diu	2	4.26	0	0	1	7.31	0	0
25	Delhi	24	607.66	15	199.17	8	187.36	12	141.99

S. No. of the State/ UTs	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	No. of Camps utilized	Funds utilized (Rs.in Lakh)	No. of Camps utilized	Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of Camps utilized	Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of Camps utilized	Funds utilized (Rs. in Lakh)
26. Lakshadweep	1	4.89	0	0	0	0	0	0
27. Puducherry	2	40.90	1	30.71	4	28.54	2	50.71
28. Arunachal Pradesh	3	46.76	2	17.49	6	32.63	8	16.21
29. Assam	10	84.20	23	683.51	59	303.53	9	91.69
30. Manipur	0	42.00	3	56.28	45	71.64	2	15.81
31. Meghalaya	7	146.58	1	4.32	2	7.56	6	22.14
32. Mizoram	6	35.90	0	0	2	9.12	8	5.95
33. Nagaland	4	58.75	2	23.52	2	17.8	1	27.52
34. Sikkim	2	19.09	1	51.32	2	12.84	0	0
35. Tripura	15	202.07	6	62.91	35	80.41	12	28.47
36. Telangana	20	650.86	29	519.53	30	495.60	25	535.45
Total	1134	20243.04	1156	20571.58	1365	17880.01	957	12479.09
		300865		351629		258749		171057

**The grants- in- aid released to NIs/ALIMCO/ CRCs and NGOs during 2021-22
(upto 31.12.2021) under the ADIP Scheme.**

**Funds released
(Rs.in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Camp Acti- vity	Head quarter Acti- vity	ADIP- SSA	Coch lear Imp lant	Media & Publi- city	Total	States for which funds released for camp activities
1.	Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, (ALIMCO), Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	5230	555	805	2240		8830	Pan India
		450	0	0	0	0	450	Northern Eastern Region
2.	National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun, 116, Rajpur Road, Dehradun-248001	50	100	0	0	0	150	Pan India
3.	National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh	453	423	0	0	0	876	Pan India
4.	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai., K.C. Marg, Bandra Reclamation, Bandra, Mumbai-400050	0	218	0	500	0	718	Pan India
5.	Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation training And Research, (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack, Odisha	139	300	0	0	0	439	Pan India
		78	0	0	0	0	78	Northern Eastern Region.

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SI. No.	Name of the Organization	Camp Acti- vity	Head quarter Acti- vity	ADIP- SSA	Coch lear Imp lant	Media & Publi- city	Total	States for which funds released for camp activities
6.	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan), New Delhi	130	40	0	0	0	170	Pan India
		30	0	0	0	0	30	Northern Eastern Region
7.	Composite Regional Centre, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.	36	23	0	0	0	59	Pan India
8.	Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Ahmedabad.	37.50	7.50				45	Gujarat
9.	Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Sikkim	33	0	0	0	0	33	Camp Activity in West Bengal
		10	10	0	0	0	20	Sikkim
10.	Narayan Sewa Sansthan, Udaipur, 483, Sector4, Hiran, Magri Udaipur, Rajasthan	0	250	0	0	0	250	Rajasthan
11.	DAVP empanelled creative design agencies	0	0	0	0	1.82	1.82	Pan India
Total		6676.50	1926.50	805.00	2240.00	1.82	12149.82	

**The details of Special Camps/Camps held on demand during 2021-22
(upto 31.12.2021) in different States/UTs.**

Sl. No.	State	Place of Camp	Fund Utilized (Rs in Lacs)	Number of Beneficiaries Covered	Date of Distribution
1	Andhra Pradesh	Nandyal	64.00	256	16.01.2020 & 18.01.2021
2	Andhra Pradesh	Srikakulam	250.93	2206	06 to 10.06.2021
3	Andhra Pradesh	West Godavari (Eluru)	345.75	500	15.07.2021
4	Andhra Pradesh	Araku	57.81	978	07.08.2021
5	Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	403.84	2524	01.10.2021
6	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	11.47	127	05.03.2021
7	Assam	Baksa	51.85	697	24.08.2021
8	Assam	Kamrup (Rural)	49.89	575	03.12.2021
9	Bihar	Siwan	23.03	261	05 to 08 01.2021
10	Bihar	Nalanda	116.60	1245	09 to 16.01.2021
11	Bihar	Saran	63.27	719	5 to 9.01. 2021
12	Bihar	Katihar	32.45	302	19 to 20.02.2021.
13	Bihar	Valmiki Nagar, West	24.62	261	24 to 25.02. 2021
14	Bihar	Gaya	106.37	1146	02 to 06.07.2021
15	Bihar	Aurangabad	169.97	1521	01 to 13.08. 2021
16	Bihar	East Champaran, Motihari	25.62	43	03.10. 2021
17	Delhi	Delhi	7.37	58	05.12.2021
18	Delhi	NCT of Delhi	26.22	200	09.12.2021
19	Goa	Goa	156.18	2157	18 & 19.01 2021 and 01 to 06.02.2021
20	Gujarat	Jamnagar	350.85	3805	07.03.2019 & 20.06.2021.to 04.07.2021
21	Haryana	Rohtak	66.81	725	21.01.2021
22	Haryana	Ambala	48.33	528	30.03.2021
23	Haryana	Kaithal	43.27	440	06 to 20.07.2021
24	Haryana	Rohtak	15.57	192	25 & 26.08.2021
25	Haryana	Panchkula	15.81	186	14.09.2021
26	Himachal Pradesh	Una	19.10	154	23 to 25 .03.2021

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Sl. No.	State	Place of Camp	Fund Utilized (Rs in Lacs)	Number of Beneficiaries Covered	Date of Distribution
27	Jharkhand	Ranchi	30.47	390	18 to 22.02.2021
28	Jharkhand	Chatra	22.72	183	20 to 23.07. 2021
29	Jharkhand	Garhwa	14.76	157	31.08.2021 and 01.09. 2021
30	Jharkhand	Saraikela Kharsawan	37.15	338	16 to 18.08. 2021
31	Jharkhand	Godda	84.43	917	27.09.2021
32	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	20.5	244	27.11.2021
33	Jammu & Kashmir	Udhampur	20.71	272	13 to 20.02.2021
34	Jammu & Kashmir	Doda	35.24	259	22 to 25.02.2021
35	Jammu & Kashmir	Kishtwar	22.71	290	13 to 16.07. 2021
36	Jammu & Kashmir	Reasi	13.88	185	23.07.2021
37	Jammu & Kashmir	Samba	28.00	350	24 to 27.07 2021
38	Jammu & Kashmir	Rajouri	26.25	350	03 to 06.08.2021
39	Jammu & Kashmir	Udhampur	13.57	181	06.08.2021
40	Jammu & Kashmir	Poonch	28.80	362	04 to 7.08.2021
41	Jammu & Kashmir	Ramban	23.92	297	10 to 13.08.2021
42	Jammu & Kashmir	Kathua	8.15	80	25 to 26.08.2021
43	Jammu & Kashmir	Doda	20.31	230	23 to 26.08. 2021
44	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu	46.23	528	17.09.2021
45	KARNATAKA	Bangaluru Rural	48.32	582	06.01.2021
46	Karnataka	Koppal	61.00	720	5 to 8.04.2021
47	Karnataka	Kolar	32.63	480	02.07.2021
48	Madhya Pradesh	Panna	88.16	522	08.02.2021
49	Madhya Pradesh	Ashoknagar	72.05	512	13 & 20.09.2020, 30.01 & 01 to 04.02.2021
50	Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	25.47	283	25.12.2020 & 01 to 15.06.2021
51	Madhya Pradesh	Mauganj, Hanumana	467.03	5064	12.01.2021
52	Madhya Pradesh	Sahdol	46.69	336	23.01.2021
53	Madhya Pradesh	Aalot - Ujjain	31.45	85	12.01.2021

**The details of Special Camps/Camps held on demand during 2021-22
(upto 31.12.2021) in different States/UTs.**

Sl. No.	State	Place of Camp	Fund Utilized (Rs in Lacs)	Number of Beneficiaries Covered	Date of Distribution
54	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur	153.37	1280	01.03.2021, 06.2021
55	Madhya Pradesh	Indore	7.16	22	05.03.2021
56	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha	97.22	1095	16 to 26.09.2020 & 23 to 26.03.2021
57	Madhya Pradesh	Mandla	14.82	119	19.03.2021
58	Madhya Pradesh	Chhindwara	432.01	4146	31 .07.2021 to 01.09. 2021
59	Madhya Pradesh	Katni	49.70	381	22.11.2021
60	Madhya Pradesh	Bhind	79.25	873	19.11.2021
61	Madhya Pradesh	Aalot, Ujjain	18.58	51	14.07.2021
62	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	13.58	166	13-07-2021 & 09.09. 2021
63	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	9.99	27	06.08.2021
64	Madhya Pradesh	Berasia (Bhopal)	14.64	160	20.09.2021
65	Madhya Pradesh	Neemuch	26.54	262	20.09.2021
66	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur (Khajuraho)	54.09	456	25.09.2021
67	Madhya Pradesh	Datia	140.04	888	25.09. to 27.09.2021
68	Madhya Pradesh	Betul	48.72	116	09.10.2021
69	Madhya Pradesh	Shivpuri	30.19	222	25.10.2021
70	Maharashtra	Nanded, Hadgaon & Kinwat	757.28	10540	23.01.2021 & 02.07.2021
71	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	502.92	7436	24.02.2021
72	Maharashtra	Nandurbar Talukas	48.52	751	22 to 26.06.2021
73	Maharashtra	Ghatkopar East Assembly	15.87	207	17.07.2021
74	Maharashtra	Hingoli	215.29	2243	19.08.2021
75	Maharashtra	Umarkhed-Mahagaon	78.26	965	26.11.2021
76	Maharashtra	North East Mumbai	146.5	1416	24 & 25.12.2021
77	Manipur	Chandel	8.53	108	15.03.2021, 18 to 23.03. 2021

**The details of Special Camps/Camps held on demand during 2021-22
(upto 31.12.2021) in different States/UTs.**

Sl. No.	State	Place of Camp	Fund Utilized (Rs in Lacs)	Number of Beneficiaries Covered	Date of Distribution
78	Nagaland	Tuensang	21.52	276	22.10.2021
79	Odisha	Nuapada	71.47	929	21.09.2020, 27 to 29 01.2021
80	Odisha	Balangir	50.98	630	04.03.2021
81	Odisha	Kandhamal	60.76	683	5 to 12.08.2021
82	Odisha	Kalahari/ Kalahandi	17.15	172	17 to 20 .08.2021
83	Punjab	Bhatinda	53.88	564	02.01.2021
84	Punjab	Hoshiarpur	14.06	38	29.04.2021
85	Punjab	Bareta in Mansa Dist.	101.5	1105	03.07.2021
86	Punjab	Tarn Taran	89.88	966	23 to 26.08.2021
87	Punjab	Fazilka	92.1	1075	30.09. 2021
88	Punjab	Gurdaspur	50.81	548	01.10.2021
89	Punjab	Amritsar	182.9	1803	29.10.2021
90	Punjab	Ferozpur	136.07	702	09 to 15.11.2021
91	Punjab	Ludhiana	35.73	363	30 .11 to 03.12.2021
92	Punjab	Sunam, Sangrur	9.88	89	03.12.2021
93	Punjab	Sangrur	51.6	105	12.12.2021
94	Punjab	Kapoorthala	7.98	19	30.12.2021
95	Punjab	Rupnagar/ Ropar	8.72	86	31.12.2021
96	Puducherry	Puducherry	50.71	672	05 & 06.08. 2021
97	Rajasthan	Sikar	93.87	1019	15.01.2021, 30.03.2021, 05.04. 2021
98	Rajasthan	Udaipur	8.15	54	07.02.2021
99	Rajasthan	Sirohi/ Jalore-Sirohi	25.46	310	28.12.2020 to 05.01.2021
100	Rajasthan	Ajmer	27.2	285	25 & 27.08.2021
101	Tamil Nadu	Nagapattinam	35.65	330	11.01.2021
102	Tamil Nadu	Kanchipuram	38.68	421	02 to 04.02.2021
103	Tamil Nadu	Ramana- thapuram	77.92	923	15.02. to 25.02. 2021
104	Tamil Nadu	Dharmapuri	73.29	855	24.07.2021

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Sl. No.	State	Place of Camp	Fund Utilized (Rs in Lacs)	Number of Beneficiaries Covered	Date of Distribution
105	Tamil Nadu	Thanjavur	162.62	1705	02.11.2021
106	Tamil Nadu	Thoothukkudi (Tuticorin)	62.99	823	26.12.2021
107	Telangana	Peddapally	63.01	436	10.04.2021
108	Telangana	Telangana State (TVCC) (Districts : Warrangal, Jagtial, Siddipet, Sircilla, Pedapalli, Bhupalpally, Mahabubabad, Adilabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Sangareddy, Karimnagar, Medak, Jangaon, Huzurabad)	500.01	2000 (Motorized Tricycle)	11.04.2021, 14.04.2021, 16.06.2021, 30.06.2021, 26.07.2021, 27.07.2021, 15.08.2021, 14.09.2021
109	Telangana	Bhadradi Kothagudem	153.00	612	25.07.2021
110	Tripura	Dhalai	37.41	487	22.01.2021
111	Tripura	02- East Tripura	24.18	305	18.12.2021
112	Uttar Pradesh	Siddhartha nagar	149.70	1418	17.12.2020 & 26 to 27.12.2020 & 15 to 17.01.2021
113	Uttar Pradesh	Mathura	6.3	72	08.01.2021
114	Uttar Pradesh	Kairana, Shamli	15.12	153	05 to 07.01. 2021
115	Uttar Pradesh	Ballia	78.96	874	22 to 26.01.2021
116	Uttar Pradesh	Bijnore	30.49	330	18 to 21 .01.2021
117	Uttar Pradesh	Gorakhpur	117.29	300	13.01.2021 & 04.02.2021 & 16.02.2021
118	Uttar Pradesh	Ballia	48.70	256	03.02.2021

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Sl. No.	State	Place of Camp	Fund Utilized (Rs in Lacs)	Number of Beneficiaries Covered	Date of Distribution
119	Uttar Pradesh	Gonda	35.47	392	03 to 05.02.2021
120	Uttar Pradesh	Kannauj	112.38	410	03.02.2021
121	Uttar Pradesh	Hamirpur	21.92	203	15 to 17.02. 2021
122	Uttar Pradesh	Azamgarh/ Lalganj	23.08	230	19 to 21.02.2021
123	Uttar Pradesh	Sultanpur	80.00	875	05 to 20.03. 2021
124	Uttar Pradesh	Deoria (Pathardeva)	177.15	349	20 to 29.01.2020. & 1.09.2020 to 30.01. 2021
125	Uttar Pradesh	Badlapur, Jaunpur	14.48	37	19.07.2021
126	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	27.51	286	26 to 29.07.2021
127	Uttar Pradesh	Basti	106.09	1160	07, 29 & 31.08. 2021, 17 & 18.11, 01 to 02. 10. 2021, 19.11.2021, 25.11.2021, 06.01.2022, 07.01.2022
128	Uttar Pradesh	Sambhal	25.49	271	26 to 28.08. 2021
129	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	110.74	990	26 to 31.08. 2021
130	Uttar Pradesh	Banda	63.43	622	25 to 29.08. 2021
131	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur Nagar	5.8	59	17.09.2021
132	Uttar Pradesh	Rampur	139.34	1357	17.10. 2021
133	Uttar Pradesh	Farrukhabad	33.16	241	29.10.2021, 24 & 25 .11.2021
134	Uttar Pradesh	Bhadohi	210.59	2386	16 to 26.12.2021
135	Uttar Pradesh	Shamli	48.06	109	31.12.2021
136	Uttar Pradesh	Fefna (Ballia)	40.05	445	18.12 to 06.01.2022
137	Uttar Pradesh	Etah	82.96	749	1 to 05 .12.2021, 11.12.2021 & 07.01. 2022
138	West Bengal	Barrackpore	42.68	516	30.01.2021, 01.02.2021 and 03 .02. 2021
139	West Bengal	Darjeeling	16.09	234	18.02.2021
Total			11234.82	106647	

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S. NO.	State	Name of the Implementing Agencies	Funds released during 2018-19 (Rs.in Lakhs)	Funds released during 2019-20 (Rs.in Lakhs)	Funds released during 2020-21 (Rs.in Lakhs)	Funds released during 2021-22 (Rs.in Lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) run by Uma Education & Technical Society Kakinada, East Godvari District.), DDRC0 Kakinada- 533001.	0	10.50	11.00	0
		Gurudeva Charitable Trust, Mangalapalem, Kothavalasa Mandal, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh	0	0	10.00	0
		Good Walk Orthotics Association, 74-74-6A Hemalatha Nagar Kallur(M) Kurnool(Dist) Pin code 518003 Andhra Pradesh.	0	0	4.00	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, P.O. R. K. Mission, Itanagar-791113, Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	27.95	0
3	Delhi	Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, No.192, Greater Kailash New Delhi	0	0	20.0	0
4	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	Indian Red Cross Society, Red Cross House, Silvassa0396 230., Silvassa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli	15.00	0	0	0
5	Gujarat	Blind People's Association, Dr.Vikram Sarabhai Road, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad.	0	0	32.25	0
		District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) ,C.S.S. Deptt., S.S.G. Hospital, Vadodara.	0	15.00	0	0

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		District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC), O Block, Civil Hospital, Civil Hospital Campus, Asarawa, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	0	10.00	0	0
		Jayshree Maruti Nandan Kisan Vikas Education Trust, Sukhsar, Swami Vivekanand Society, Near Ashram, Opp. United motors, Garbada Road, Dahod.	7.50	0	25.00	0
		Shree Bhrama Samaj Seva Trust, 402, Sapana Apartment, Adarsh High School Road, Near, S. T., Stand, Patan.	30.00	0	45.00	0
		Ashirwad Trust For Disabled, Sayla, Police Station, National Highway, Sayla, Dist. Surendranagar, Gujarat	0	0	7.50	0
		Disable Welfare Trust of India Near Shri Sai Samarth Residency, B/H Sardayatan School, Opp. Lakeview Garden, Umra, Surat.	10.00	0	7.50	0
		I Shree Khodiyar Education Seva Trust, At Po Palla Kothambata Lunawadadist Mahisagar, Pin-389220.	0	0	5.00	0
		Jeevandeep Health education and Charitable Trust, Kodinar, 2/12, Rajnagar Society near Bypass Tal. Kodinar, Gir Somanath	0	0	10.00	0

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6	Haryana	Aarohan Welfare Society, 132, Professor Colony, Yamuna Nagar. Pin code 135001 Haryana.	0	0	8.99	0
7	Himachal Pradesh	Indian Red Cross Society, Kullu.	8.00	0	0	0
8	Karnataka	ALL India Jain Youth Federations'(R), Mahaveer Limb Centre, Kims Premises Vidyanagar Dharwad Hubli Karnataka.	0	0	11.00	0
9	Kerala	National Institute for Speech & Hearing, (NISH), Karimanal, Trivandrum,.	0	0	15.00	0
10	Madhya Pradesh	Deen Dayal Antyoday Mission for DDRC Balaghat, Balaghat, Zilla Nishakt Punarvas Kendra, Zill Panchayat Parisar, Balaghat.	5.00	0	0	0
		District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC), Mandsaur, District Hospital Campus Gandhi Chauraha, Mandsaur.	13.44	0	0	0
		Jila Nishakt Kalyan Avam vikas Samiti, Morena.	7.50	0	0	0
		Shri Gauri Shankar Adhunik Shiksha Prasar Samiti, Bhind.	3.75	0	0	0
11	Maha-rashtra	Ayodhya Charitable Trust, S.No.51/2, Near S.R.P. Gate No.2, Vikas Nagar, Wanawadi Village, Pune.	0	0	11.25	0

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		Mahatma Gandhi Sewa Sangh, Near Govt. Library Samarth nagar Aurangabad.	60.00	0	67.50	0
		Shree Mahila Bal Kalyan & Apang Punarvassan Vikas, Mandle Dhule, Maharashtra	0.00	20.00	0	0
		Padmashree Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe PATil Foundation's College of Physiotherapy, Opp. Govt. Milk Dairy MIDC, Vadgaon Gupta Raod, Vilad Ghat, Ahmednagar-414111.	0.00	0.00	10.00	0
12	Odisha	CRSR Bhadrak (Centre for Rehabilitation Services & Research, At Patharadi PO Charampa Dist. Bhadrak.	0	0	45.00	00
		Regional Rehabilitation and Research Centre, RRRC, Near R.G.H. Panposh Road, Rourkela, Odisha	19.84	0	40.00	0
13	Punjab	Indian Red Cross Society, District Branch Sangrur, Sangrur.	5.00	0	0	0
		Bharat Vikas Parishad Charitable Trust, P.O. – Viklang Sahayata Kendra, C0 Block, Rishi Nagar, Ludhiana.	30.00	0	50.00	0
		Guru Nanak Charitable Trust, Ludhiayana	5.00	0	7.50	0
		Indian Red Cross Society, Faridkot, Branch Red Cross Bhawan Sadiq Chowk Faridkot 151203 Punjab.	0	0	15.00	0

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14	Rajasthan	Narayan Sewa Sansthan, Sewadham, 483, Hiran Magri, Sector-4, Udaipur.	550.00	450.00	495.00	250.00
		Gyanaram Jhammanlal, Jaipur, 67/56 A Near Mandara Bus Stand, New Sanganer Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan.	0	0	7.5	0
		Maa Geeta Devi Seva Sansthan Kherli, Behind Power House, By Pass Road, Ward No.18, Kherli - 321606	0	0	3.66	0
		Amrapali Prashikshan Sansthan, Karigal Mohalla, Ward No. 4, Tonk, Rajasthan.	0	0	10.00	0
		Tanwer Shikshan Sansthan, Plot no 11 Khsra no 18 Ramjan ji ka Hatta Banar Road JODHPUR, Pin code:- 342015	0	0	5.00	0
15	Sikkim	DDRC Gangtok, MG Marg STNM Hospital East Gangtok.	0	11.25	0	0
16	Tripura	District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC), North Tripura	30.00	0	0	0
17	Uttarakhand	Gramin Kshetra Vikash Samiti, Tehri Garhwal, Village And Post Ranichauri Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand	0	0	10.00	0
18	West Bengal	Bikash Bharati Welfare Society, 20/1B, Lal Bazar street, Kolkata.	0	0	9.73	0
Total			800.03	561.75	982.33	250.00

Grant-in-aid released to State/Union Territories for Barrier free environment under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Government of Meghalaya	2nd and final installment for 18 State Govt. buildings in Shillong	1242.61
2.	Government of Tamil Nadu	Part of 2 installment for creation of barrier free environment in 10 State Govt. buildings in Chennai and Coimbatore	648.69
Total			1891.30

**A. Grant-in-aid released to Institutions/Organizations for
Barrier free environment under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22**

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	SVNIRTAR, Odisha	2nd installment for construction of Vocational Training Centre building at SVNIRTAR	375.09
2.	NIEPMD, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Construction of ramp at Hydrotherapy Pool at NIEPMD Campus	9.72
3.	EdCIL (India) Limited, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	1st installment for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for University of Disability Studies and Rehabilitation Sciences Kamrup District, Assam (NER)	16.52
Total			401.33

B. Grant-in-aid released for National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Resource Management and Social Welfare Trust, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	1st installment (30%) for Skill Development Training Programme for 157 PwDs through DBT Mode	6.28
		1st installment (30%) for Skill Development Training Programme for 30 PwDs	1.14
		1st installment (30%) for Skill Development Training Programme for 30 PwDs through DBT Mode	1.20
2.	Saifi Healing Touch Research Bureau for Social Welfare of India, Jammu & Kashmir	1st installment (30%) for Skill Development Training Programme for 132 PwDs	7.21
		1st installment (30%) for Skill Development Training Programme for 124 PwDs through DBT mode	4.96
3.	Skill Council for Persons with Disability (SCPwD), New Delhi	Certification fee in respect of 992 PwDs	9.92
		Payment of Assessment and Certification fee in respect of 2626 PwDs	26.26
4.	Navjyoti Global Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram, Haryana	1st installment (30%) for Skill Development Training Programme for 180 PwDs	12.08
		Personal Assistive Aide for 176 PwDs through DBT mode	7.04
5.	Kanniyappa Educational Memorial Trust (KEMT), Tamil Nadu	1st installment (30%) for Skill Development Training Programme for 150 PwDs	9.67
		1st installment (30%) for Skill Development Training Programme for 150 PwDs through DBT Mode	6.00

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
6.	Bankura School of Hotel Management (BSHM), West Bengal	Personal Assistive Aids for 559 PwDs through DBT mode	22.36
7.	Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust, Karnataka	Personal Assistive Aids for 26 PwDs through DBT mode	1.30
8.	Mahila Mandal Barmer, Agor, Rajasthan	2nd installment for 500 PwDs	33.34
9.	Consultancy fee for consultants	April, 2021 to November, 2021	5.79
Total			154.49

**C. Grant-in-aid released for Unique Disability Identification Project
under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22**

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	M/s Versatile Card Technology Pvt. Ltd, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	6.94
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	11.82
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	6.81
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	1.00
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	27.36
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	7.03
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	6.34
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	9.55
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	9.25
		Printing and Dispatch of QR Coded UDID Card	9.94
2.	State Commissioner for Disabled, Tamil Nadu	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	2.40
		Digitization of the application form, uploading of assessment reports and certificate of Disability	13.31
		Remuneration of State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
		Outdoor publicity within 38 District of Tamil Nadu	41.25
3.	Social Justice & Empowerment & Tribal Affair Department, Arunachal Pradesh	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
		Remuneration of State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
4.	NICSI, New Delhi	Annual Maintenance of UDID application software of UDID Project	18.26
		Payment for consultancy fee in respect of One consultant	20.45
		Payment for Annual Maintenance of UDID Application Software	14.66
5.	Rajasthan Residential Educational Instt., Rajasthan	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
		Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
6.	Kerala Social Security Mission, Kerala	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
		Remuneration of State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
7.	Unique ID for Persons with Disabilities, Nagaland	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID project	3.00
		Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
8.	Niyamak Samaj Suraksha UDID, Gujarat	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
		Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
9.	Director SamajKalyan, Uttarakhand	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
		Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
10.	Deputy Director Social Welfare, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.50
		Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
11.	Nitish Mohan Tripathi, Delhi	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID project	1.10
12.	General Manager, SIDR, Odisha	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID project	4.07
13.	District Disability Rehabilitation Centre, Goa	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID project	6.00
14.	Deputy Director (Disability Division) DTE of Social Welfare, Puducherry	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID project	6.00
15.	Director Welfare of Differently Aabled, Transgender & Sr. Citizens, Andhra Pradesh	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID project	6.00
16.	Director, Social Welfare Department, Mizoram	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
17.	The Project Co-ordinator NPRPD, Karnataka	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
18.	Corpus Fund Financial to Acid Attack Victims, Punjab	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.38
19.	Office of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Meghalaya	Remuneration of a Co-ordinator for the UDID project	3.00
20.	Unique Disability Identity (UDID), Sikkim	Remuneration in respect of a Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
21.	Government of NCT of Delhi	Remuneration of a Co-ordinator for the UDID project	1.88

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
22.	UDID Andaman and Nicobar, A&N	Remuneration in respect of a Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	2.00
23.	Director Social Welfare, Assam	Remuneration of the State Coordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
24.	Director SIPDA, Punjab	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
25.	Director Directorate of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Bihar	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	6.00
26.	SRCDA- UDID Shillong, Meghalaya	Remuneration of the State Co-ordinator for the UDID Project	3.00
Total			309.30

**D. Grant-in-aid released for Accessible India Campaign under
the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22**

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Handicare, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	2nd and final installment (20%) for conduction access audit of 22 buildings in Lucknow city	2.35
2.	Arushi Society, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	1st and final installment for conduction access audit of 25 buildings in Port Blair City	4.89
3.	Geostat Informatics (India) Private Limited Telangana	Fee for 03 members for operation and management of the Sugamya Bharat App.	4.25
		Fee for 03 members for operation and management of the sugamya Bharat App.	4.09
4.	NICSI, New Delhi	Annual Technical Services and security audit of the MIS portal of AIC project	2.20
		Consultancy fee in respect of 02 consultant for the PMU of AIC Project	43.36
Total			61.14

E. Grant-in-aid released for Awareness Generation and Publicity under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan), New Delhi	Disbursement of cash Award to the Medal Winners of the Tokyo Paralympics, 2021	144.00
Total			144.00

F. Grant-in-aid released for Media under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	National Film Development Corporation Ltd., (NFDC), New Delhi	Production of a films (duration of 5 minutes) or advisories/Best practice relating to COVID-19 Pandmic for use of Divyangjan	11.15
Total			11.15

G. Grant-in-aid released for Braille Press under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Printing of Braille Pages	12.23
		Printing of Braille Pages	67.57
		Establishment of Mini Braille Press	7.78
		GST GIA to 02 implementing Agencies towards the purchase of Braille Press machine and other items	7.03
		Establishment of new Braille Press Machine	31.89
Total			126.50

H. Grant-in-aid released for Research on Disability Related Technology, Product and Issues under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Amal Jyothi Engineering College, Kanirappalli, Kerala	Carrying out the research project on Robotic Mobilizer for People with lower limb paralysis	2.97
2.	Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab	Development of Public Announcements System at Railway Stations using Indian Sign Language Synthetic Animations for Differently Able Hearing Impaired People	9.66
3.	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh	Carrying out the research study on Major Research on study on Somatotype, Physical effort & perception of physical activity in PwD	2.71
Total			15.34

**Grant-in-aid released for National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs
under the SIPDA Scheme during 2021-22**

Sl. No.	Organization Name	Purpose	Total Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
1	Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD), New Delhi	Payment of assessment and certification fee for 992 PwDs	9.92
2	Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD), New Delhi	Payment of assessment and certification fee for 2626 PwDs	26.26
3	Saifi Healing Touch Research Bureau for Social Welfare of India, Jammu & Kashmir	Payment of 1st instalment for skill development training programme for 132 trainees	7.21
4	Bankura School of Hotel Management, West Benga	DBT payment for personal assistive aid in respect of 559 PwDs	22.36
5	Navjyoti Global Solution Pvt. Ltd, Haryana	Payment of 1st instalment for skill development training programme for 180 trainees	12.08
6	Divya Jyoti Charitable Trust, Karnatka	DBT payment for personal assistive aid in respect of 26 PwDs	1.3
7	Navjyoti Global Sololution Pvt. Ltd , Haryana	DBT payment for personal assistive aid in respect of 176 PwDs	7.04
8	Mahila Mandal Barmer Agor, Rajasthan	Payment of 2nd instalment for skill development training programme for 452 trainees	33.34
9	Saifi Healing Touch Research Bureau for Social Welfare of India, Jammu & Kashmir	DBT payment for personal assistive aid in respect of 124 PwDs	4.96
10	Resource Management & Social Welfare Trust, Uttar Pradesh	DBT payment for personal assistive aid in respect of 157 PwDs	6.28
11	Resource Management & Social Welfare Trust, Uttar Pradesh	Payment of 1st instalment for skill development training programme for 30 trainees	1.14
12	Kaniyappa Education Memorial Trust, Tamilnadu	Payment of 1st instalment for skill development training programme for 150 trainees	9.61
13	Resource Management & Social Welfare Trust, Uttar Pradesh	DBT payment for personal assistive aid in respect of 30 PwDs	1.2
14	Kaniyappa Education Memorial Trust, Tamilnadu	DBT payment for personal assistive aid in respect of 150 PwDs	6.00
Total			148.7

**Comparative State wise position of issuance of Disability Certificates
Status of UDID Project (as on 19.01.2022)**

S. No.	States/UTs	No. of Disability Certificates issued by State Govt. as informed by CCPD	Total No. of Districts	No. of Districts generating UDID cards	No. of e- UDID Cards Generated
1.	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	4,604	3	3	4848
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	11,81,097	13	13	1111418
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2,907	25	25	1843
4.	ASSAM	3,44,665	33	33	87287
5.	BIHAR	14,87,357	38	38	166834
6.	CHANDIGARH	29,054	1	1	5853
7.	CHHATTISGARH	2,84,464	28	28	199848
8.	DADRA NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	6,069	3	3	2024
9.	DELHI	1,83,160	11	11	13728
10.	GOA	19,202	2	2	3273
11.	GUJARAT	5,51,000	33	33	281410
12.	HARYANA	3,39,190	22	22	56537
13.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	95,630	12	12	51616
14.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1,76,355	20	20	42408
15.	JHARKHAND	4,93,012	24	24	18440
16.	KARNATAKA	12,29,825	30	30	398133
17.	KERALA	3,14,777	14	14	150092
18.	LADAKH	3,030	2	2	575
19.	LAKSHADWEEP	1,353	1	1	851
20.	MADHYA PRADESH	6,60,313	52	52	686591

S. No.	States/UTs	No. of Disability Certificates issued by State Govt. as informed by CCPD	Total No. of Districts	No. of Districts generating UDID cards	No. of e- UDID Cards Generated
21.	MAHARASHTRA	17,79,545	36	36	646965
22.	MANIPUR	26,450	16	16	4277
23.	MEGHALAYA	22,244	11	11	23805
24.	MIZORAM	12,409	11	11	3210
25.	NAGALAND	1,752	12	12	1190
26.	ODISHA	8,44,250	30	30	417953
27.	PUDUCHERRY	29,700	4	4	18081
28.	PUNJAB	3,82,081	23	23	246093
29.	RAJASTHAN	5,66,157	33	33	406860
30.	SIKKIM	5,767	4	4	2981
31.	TAMIL NADU	11,79,303	38	38	447653
32.	TELANGANA	7,92,345	33	33	476093
33.	TRIPURA	89,060	8	8	21701
34.	UTTAR PRADESH	23,95,120	75	75	686941
35.	UTTARAKHAND	1,28,947	13	13	22473
36.	WEST BENGAL	17,63,711	23	1	9
	Total	1,74,25,905	737	715	67,09,894

During the last Seven years and current year the funds released and number of beneficiaries covered in respect of scholarship schemes is as under:-

Amount in crore

S. Scheme No.		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
		-15	-16	-17	-18	-19	-20	-21-22 As on 31.12. 2021	
1.	Amount	0	1.60	5.52	9.07	6.50	24.57	9.82	2.03
	Beneficiaries	0	2368	7927	12593	6767	22218	12488	2259
2. Post matric	Amount	0	3.21	9.82	14.92	56.39	64.98	47.29	36.04
	Beneficiaries	0	3565	6281	7657	22953	19978	12573	14231
3. Top Class Education	Amount	0	0.24	0.86	0.67	1.06	3.02	4.50	1.62
	Beneficiaries	0	14	42	37	78	239	453	147
4. National Overseas	Amount	0	0	0.38	0.70	1.08	1.02	1.23	1.73
	Beneficiaries	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	3
5. National Fellowships	Amount	13.25	19.97	19.26	30.24	19.86	20.98	28.69	27.08
	Beneficiaries	306	527	589	666	566	537	551	458
6. Free Coaching	Amount	0	0	0	0.87	1.38	0	0.23	0
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0
Total	Amount	13.25	25.02	35.84	56.47	86.27	114.57	91.77	68.50
	Beneficiaries	306	6474	14841	21204	30366	42972	26067	17098

Details of Private and Voluntary Organizations received recurring/non-recurring Grant-in-aid of Rupees ten lakhs and above under Scholarship Schemes is as under:

S. No.	Name of the Private & Voluntary organization	Address of the Private & Voluntary organization	Year/ date of Sanction	Whether Recurring/ Non-recurring/ one time assistance	Amount Released (Rs. In Lakhs)	Purposes
1.	Career Plus Educational Society	301/A-37, 38,39 Ansal Building Commercial Complex, Mukherjee Nagar Delhi-110009	2017-18 Dt.14/03/2018	Non-recurring	65.00	Free coaching to PwDs
2.	Bandipora College of Information technology Bandipora J&K	Hospital Road near Faziam School, ward no.5, Bandipora J&K-193502	2017-18 Dt. 20/03/2018	Non-recurring	22.22	Free coaching to PwDs
3.	Career Plus Educational Society	301/A-37, 38,39 Ansal Building Commercial Complex, Mukherjee Nagar Delhi-110009	2018-19 Dt.09/03/2019	Non-recurring	41.60	Free coaching to PwDs
4.	Bandipora College of Information technology Bandipora J&K	Hospital Road near Faziam School, ward no.5, Bandipora J&K-193502	2018-19 Dt. 04/05/2018	Non-recurring	25.77	Free coaching to PwDs
5.	Career Plus Educational Society	301/A-37, 38,39 Ansal Building Commercial Complex, Mukherjee Nagar Delhi-110009	2020-21	Non-recurring (GST Amount)	0.23	Free coaching to PwDs

During 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (as on 31.12.2021) on fund released to any Non Government Organizations.

List of recipients of the National Awards for the year 2020

I. BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH DISABILITIES		
S. No.	Type of Disability	Name of Awardee
i	Locomotor Disability	a) Ms. Rekha N. Parmar, b) Dr. Poonam Annasaheb Upadhye, c) Mr. Hitesh Bhagwanji Waghela, d) Mr. Pyare Lal.
ii	Visual Impairment	a) Ms. Nikita Vasant Raut. b) Mr. A.M Venkatakrishnan, c) Mr. Elumalai S.
iii	Hearing Impairment	a) Ms. Resmi Mohan, b) Md. Abu Muchha Gazi, c) Mr. Challa Venkata Harish.
iv	Intellectual Disability	a) Mr. Sachin, b) Mr. R Dinesh.
v	Disability caused due to Blood Disorder (Haemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Disease)	a) Mr. Ravi Bipinbhai Dhanani, b) Mr. Santosh Lalwani.
vi	Multiple Disabilities (involving any two or more of the above broad categories of disabilities).	a) Mr. Maneksha Thandapani.
II. AWARD FOR BEST EMPLOYERS AND PLACEMENT OFFICER/ AGENCY		
i	Public Sector Undertaking, or Autonomous or local Government body	Haryana Welfare Society for Persons with Speech and Hearing Impairment, Panchkula.
ii	Private or Non-Governmental Organisation	Nukkad Tea Cafe Ventures LLP.
iii	Best Placement officer/agency.	Shri Chauhan Alpesh Kumar Lavjibhai.
III. BEST INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTION WORKING FOR THE CAUSE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.		
S. No.	Type	Name
i	Best Individual (Professional)	• Ms. Sakina Sandeep Bedi, Maharashtra.
ii	Best Individual (Non-Professional)	• Sh. K. Sridhar Acharya, Andhra Pradesh.

iii	Best Institution (Holistic Comprehensive services)	• Gramin Adivasi Samaj, Chhindwada, Madhya Pradesh.
Iv	Inclusive Education	• Society for Welfare of Handicapped, Patiala, Punjab.
IV. ROLE MODEL		
i	Locomotor Disability	a. Ms Priti Diliprao Pohekar, b. Ms Usha Ramjibhai Rathod, c. Sh Bankim Pravinchandra Pathak, d. Sh Devdatta Ravasahab Mane.
ii	Visual Impairment	a. Ms Neha Nalin Pawaskar, b. Sh Rajesh Asudani.
iii	Hearing Impairment	a. Ms Swati Jangid, b. Sh Aakash Singh, c. Sh Sagar Rajiv Badve.
iv	Intellectual Disability	a. Ms. Devanshi Anil Joshi, b. Sh Prathanesh Yashwant Date.
v	Multiple Disabilities (Multiple Disabilities involving any two or more of the above 8 broad categories)	a. Ms K. Jyothi. b. Sh T. Prabhakaran.
V. BEST APPLIED RESEARCH/ INNOVATION/ PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LIFE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES		
i	Best Applied Research	a. Shri Abhishek Baghel.
ii	Development of new cost effective product	b. Shri Hunny Bhagchandani.
VI. OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE CREATION OF BARRIER-FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES		
i	Government	a. PwD, Nashik, Maharashtra.
ii	Organization Local Bodies.	b. Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
VII. BEST DISTRICT IN PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICE		
a)	Salem, Tamil Nadu,	
b)	Indore, Madhya Pradesh.	
VIII. BEST STATE CHANNELIZING AGENCY OF NATIONAL HANDICAPPED FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION		
Nil		

IX. OUTSTANDING CREATIVE ADULT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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|----|--------------------------------------|
| a) | Ms. Sathi M. V., |
| b) | Ms. Aishina Vashishth, |
| c) | Shri Johnson MA, Kerala |
| d) | Shri Gopal Singh Sisodia, New Delhi. |

X. BEST CREATIVE CHILD WITH DISABILITIES

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| a) | Kumari Rinsha N. |
| b) | Kumari Anvi Vijay Zanzarukia, |
| c) | Venkatya Subramaniam, |
| d) | Korak Vishwas, West Bengal |

XI. BEST BRAILLE PRESS

Braille Press Bilaspur Samaj Kalyan Vibhag, Mahanadi, Nawa Raipur, Atal Nagar
(Estt. in 1985) – 524

XII. BEST ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE

- Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department, Govt. of UP
- Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Haryana
- Rising Flame, Mumbai

XIII.**i BEST STATE IN PROMOTING EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

- Tamilnadu

ii BEST STATE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSIBLE INDIA CAMPAIGN

- NIL

XIV. BEST SPORTS PERSON WITH DISABILITY

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|----|------------------------------|
| a) | Ms. Vaishnavi Vinayak Sutar, |
| b) | Ms. Jafreen Shaik, |
| c) | Ms. KiranTak, |
| d) | Ms. Pooja Shanker, |
| e) | Shri Kamal Sharma, |
| f) | Shri Mohammad Shams Shaikh, |
| g) | Shri Surya Pratap Sharma, |
| h) | Shri Punith Nandakumar. |

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE LIST OF IDENTIFIED POSTS-2013

S	Sitting
ST	Standing
W	Walking
BN	Bending
CRL	Crawling
CL	Climbing
JU	Jumping
L	Lifting
KC	Kneeling & Crouching
RW	Reading & Writing
MF	Manipulation by Fingers
PP	Pulling & Pushing
SE	Seeing
C	Communication
H	Hearing
OA	One Arm
BA	Both Arms
OAL	One Arm and One Leg
BLA	Both Legs & Arms
BLOA	Both leg & one arm
OL	One Leg
BL	Both Leg
CP	Cerebral Palsy
LC	Leprosy Cured
OH	Orthopedically Impaired
VH	Visually Impaired
B	Blind
LV	Low Vision
HH	Hearing Impaired

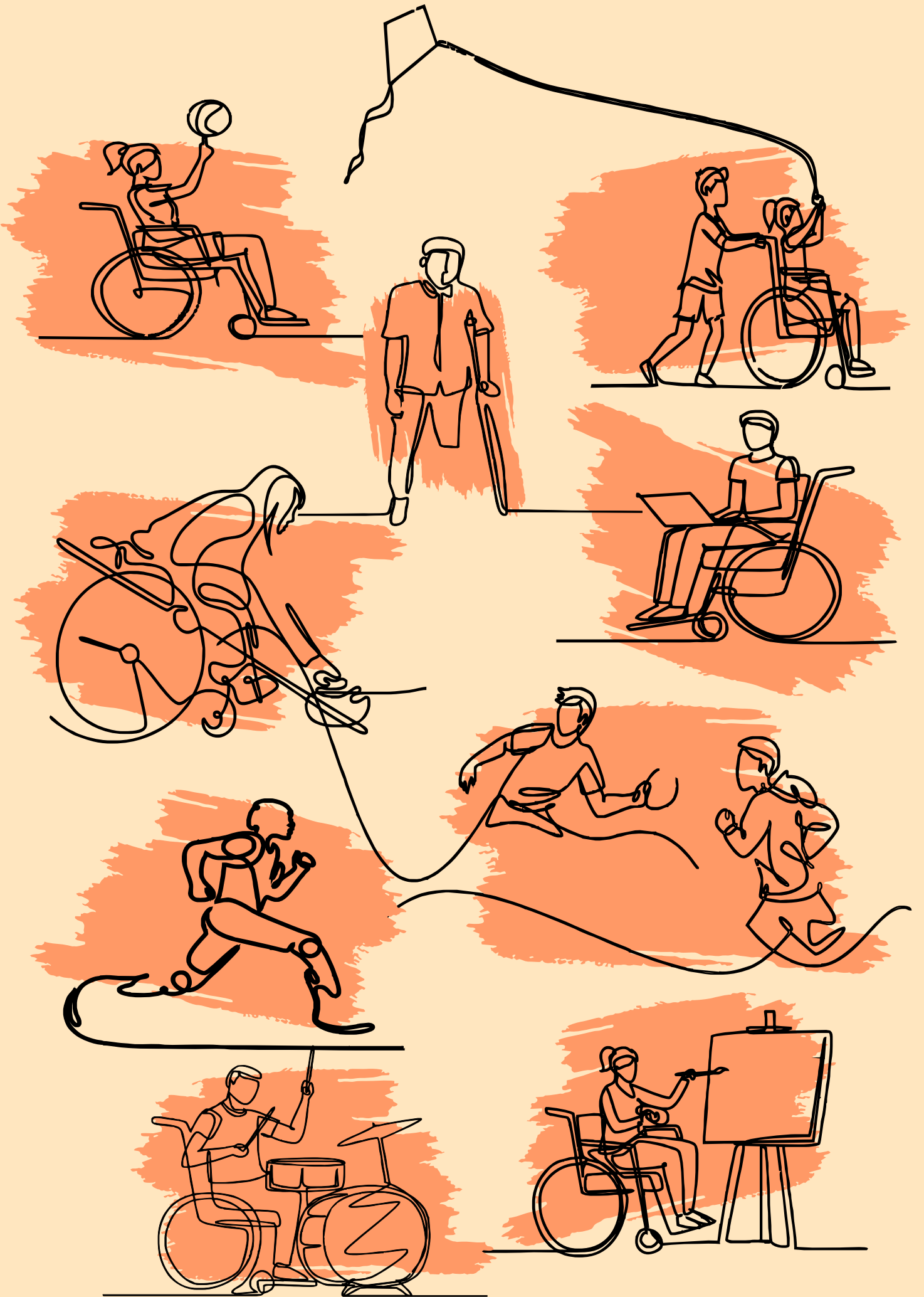
A Guide to Better Communication with Persons with Disabilities

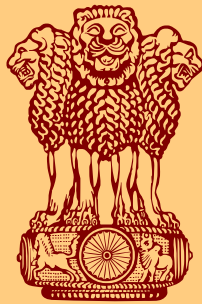
What crosses your mind when you come across a person with disability? Are you intrigued by what the person cannot do rather than what he can? Is a disabled person the child of any lesser God? Why then, do we discriminate against them?

The next time you meet a person with disability, interact with such a person as an equal. Here are a few tips:

- If you don't know how to break the ice and begin a conversation, relax and let the person with disability take the lead.
- Be positive about the person. Explore your mutual interests. You'll surely discover an interesting personality.
- Offer assistance if sought, but avoid being over-enthusiastic. Respect the person's right to indicate the kind of help needed.
- Never push a wheel chair without first asking the occupant how to handle it.
- Don't move a wheel chair or crutches or other aids out of reach of the user.
- Avoid bringing in the topic of disability but discuss it if the topic comes up naturally.
- Be accommodative. A person with disability may need more space or time to speak.
- Appreciate what the person can do. Remember that difficulties the person must be facing may stem more from society's attitude and barriers than from disability itself.
- Converse directly with Persons having Disabilities. Don't consider a companion to be conversational go-between.
- Give your undivided attention to the disabled person while speaking. Respect his/her views. While speaking to such a person your attitude should be encouraging rather than correcting.
- While talking to a person who has difficulty in speaking, ask questions that require short replies or can be replied by gestures.
- Speak calmly, slowly and distinctly to a person having hearing problem.
- When dining with a disabled person, offer help to cut food if needed or asked for. It may be more comfortable to ask if the person would prefer to have his food cut in the kitchen. If you are with a visually impaired person, explain where the dishes, utensils and items of use are placed on the table.

Notes





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