

Inauguration of
**CROSS DISABILITY
EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES**

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Need for Cross Disability Early Intervention

- Magnitude:
 - Children with Disabilities (0-6 years): 20.42 lakhs (Census, 2011)
 - 1 in every 100 children (0-6 years) suffers from some type of disability.
- Numbers likely to increase due to:
 - Population growth
 - Increase in number of disabilities (7 to 21) under RPwD Act, 2016.
 - Psycho-social disabilities, Autism and Specific Learning Disabilities showing an increasing trend.
- Lack of Rehabilitation professionals
- Magnitude of the impact would be manifold if not managed with proper and timely identification & intervention since infancy.



Cross Disability Early Intervention : An Approach



REDUCING
DISABILITY
BURDEN

Evidence based findings bear out that disability burden can be reduced through Early Intervention for Children At-Risk, with Developmental Delays and with Disabilities.



TIMELY
INTERVENTION

0-6 years is a critical phase when maximum brain development occurs & facilitates overall development & learning. It determines a person's well-being, productivity, achievements and quality of life.



CATCH THEM
YOUNG

To prevent/ reduce impact/ reduce secondary disabilities, it is vital that Early Intervention services are provided. This can lead to lesser economic burden by creating a better future and independent/less dependent lives.

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TRANS-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Rehabilitative care requires multi-sensory stimulants and activities for motor/physical skills, cognitive skills, communication/language skills, self help/adaptive skills and social/emotional skills through sustained and repetitive Intervention protocols.



PARENTS/FAMILY AS PARTNERS

Acknowledging the primacy and centrality of the role of parents and family, the needs of parents given focus to motivate them to avail the services regularly for their child's betterment.



COORDINATED APPROACH

Coordinated approach between Health Centers and Medical Facilities as well as Early Intervention services is required for early and regular referrals to help reduce the impact & severity of disabilities.



Current Scenario: Identifying the Gaps

- No full fledged Cross Disability Early Intervention Centers in existence.
- The National Institutes (NIs) have specific disability focus. The current Institutional structure of NIs and CRCs provides rehabilitation services to Divyangjan, including intervention for children without provision for cross-disability early intervention services.
- Capacity building for Cross Disability Early Intervention needs to be focused across India to reduce the overall disability burden of the country and provide a better future for our children.
- As a PILOT, 7 NIs and 7 CRCs to be equipped for early intervention for catering to all categories of disabilities.
- District Disability Rehabilitation Centers need to be revived by the State Governments. Disability being a State subject, involvement of State authorities is crucial.



Cross Disability Early Intervention : Conceptualization



Cross-disability: Coalition of different disabilities & interventions that intersect and provide opportunities for intervention through varied perspectives.

Single Window Approach: Providing rehabilitation services for different disabilities under one roof and in a contiguous manner.

Parent-centric: Optimizing parents' role in parenting or intervention of children (0-6 years) with demonstrated therapies and parental counseling sessions.

Multi-sensory Learning: Opportunities for Children with Disabilities to learn through visual, auditory, kinesthetic, tactile, balance, touch, etc.

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Aesthetically Designed Facilities: Providing modern, child-friendly facilities keeping in mind needs of the children and space to grow playfully. Special efforts made to create attractive and appealing interiors.

Accessible Features: Ensuring accessibility through Ramps, Parking, Braille Signage, Tactile Flooring, Washrooms with Grab Bars, Low Height Drinking Water Points, Accessible Reception and Furniture, Well-lit Interiors, etc.

Preparatory Schools for School Readiness: To enable Children with Disabilities to develop communication, language, motor, social, emotional and cognitive abilities for inclusive schooling.

Facilities and Services at Cross Disability EICs

Screening and Identification

- Facilities for identification by Medical Specialists
- Referral for appropriate rehabilitative services

Therapeutic Services

- Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Developmental Therapy
- Audiology and Speech Therapy
- Rehabilitation/Clinical Psychology
- Prosthesis, Orthosis, Assistive Device & TLM (ADIP)

Counselling

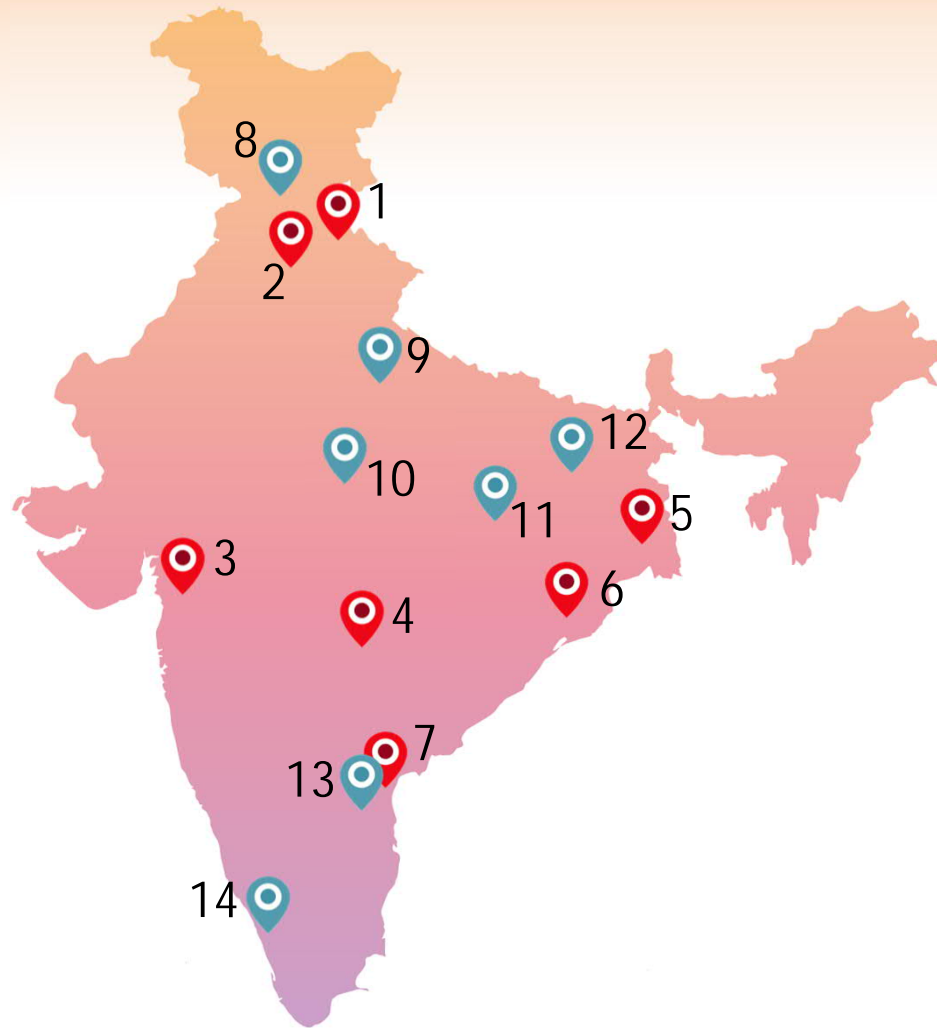
- Parental Counselling and Training
- Peer Counselling

School Readiness & Transition

- Preparatory School
- Communication and Language Development
- Yoga, Music, Dance, Drama, Art & Craft and Play Therapy
- Transition & Facilitating Mainstream School Admission



14 Cross Disability EICs



EICs in National Institutes

1. Dehradun - Uttarakhand
2. Delhi - Delhi
3. Mumbai - Maharashtra
4. Secundrabad - Telengana
5. Kolkata - West Bengal
6. Cuttack - Orissa
7. Chennai - Tamil Nadu

EICs in Composite Regional Centers

8. Sundernagar - Himachal Pradesh
9. Lucknow - Uttar Pradesh
10. Bhopal - Madhya Pradesh
11. Rajnandgaon - Chhattisgarh
12. Patna - Bihar
13. Nellore - Andhra Pradesh
14. Kozhikode - Kerala



Human Resource at Cross Disability EICs

Rehabilitation Professionals

- Clinical/Rehabilitation Psychologist
- Physiotherapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Audiologists cum Speech Therapists
- Developmental Therapist

Medical Professionals

- Pediatrician
- Part-time Medical Specialty (ENT, Neurology, Orthopedic, Ophthalmology, etc)
- Orthotist and Prosthetist

Education Professionals

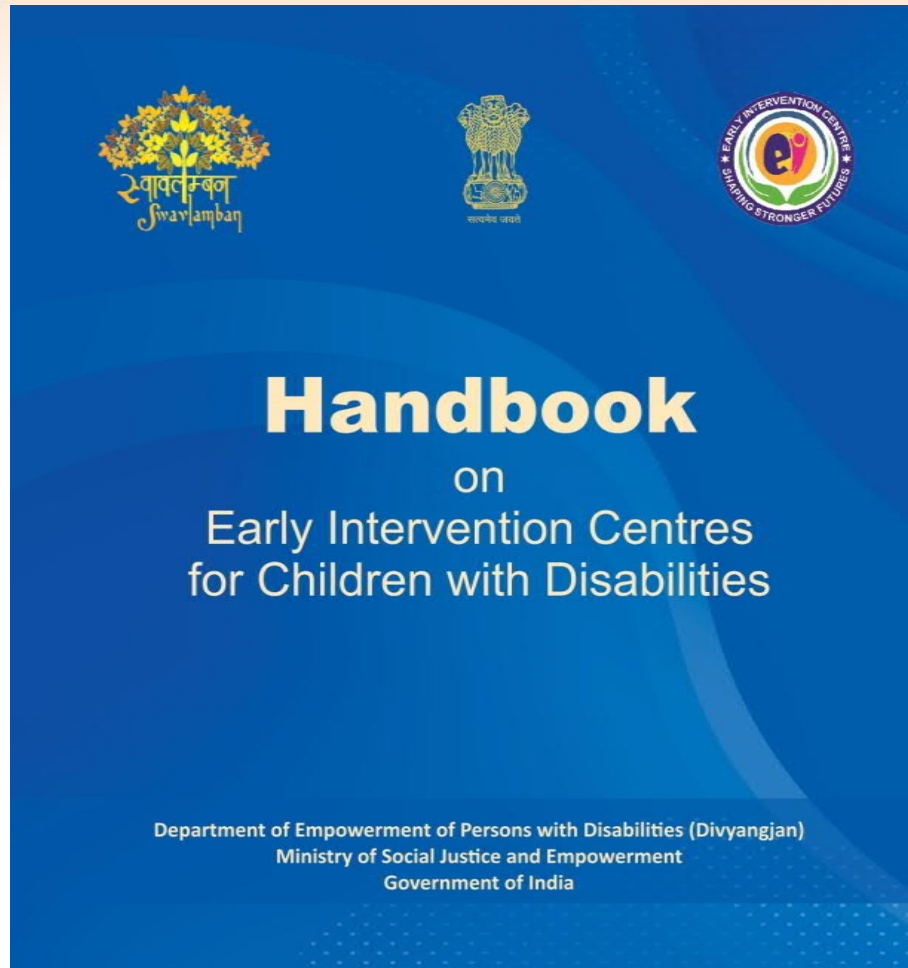
- Special Educators
- Activity Teachers (Yoga, Dance, Music, etc.)

Others

- Community Worker
- Trained Caregiver



Handbook on Early Intervention Centers



- Provides overall perspective and conceptualization of the Cross Disability Intervention Centres
- Provides insight into these EICs:
 - Infrastructure and Services
 - Case Studies
 - Strategizing Rehabilitative Interventions
- Serve as a guide to States/UTs to develop Cross Disability EICs.

Shaping Stronger Futures

Thank You