

COMMON ANNEXURE

Department of Empowerment of persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and its Organisation

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, 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 (Divyangjan)(DEPwD) on 08.12.2014. 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. The following are the vision, mission & objectives of the ministry:

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.

Mission:

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

Objectives:

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

I. Physical rehabilitation, which includes early detection and intervention, counseling and 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 selection of the society.

LIST OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES AND THE SERVICES OFFERED

1. National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPMD), Chennai.

Services Offered:

- Early Intervention
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Medical services
- Multi-specialty clinic
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Special school/ special education services
- Inclusive preparatory school
- Skill development programs
- Parent Empowerment Program
- Psychological Assessments and Interventions
- Speech & hearing intervention
- Adult independent living programs
- Guidance & counselling
- Prosthetic & Orthotic services
- Mobile services & CBR programs
- Outreach & extension services
- Short-term training programs
- Distribution of Aids & appliances
- Respite care services
- Family cottage services
- Documentation & dissemination services
- Toll-free helpline
- Hosting Nat. center for research

- Homeopathy- CCRH (Min. of AYUSH, GOI)
- NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling)

Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities (CRC) under NIEPMD:

- Kozhikode
- Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Island
- Shillong, Meghalaya

Phone: 044- 27472113, 27472046, 27472104, 27472423

Address: East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Kovalam Post, Chengalpattu Dist. Chennai- 603112, Tamil Nadu, India

Email: niepmd@gmail.com

Website: www.niepmd.tn.nic.in

2.National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPVD), Dehradun.

Services Offered:

- Quality education
- Vocational training
- Rehabilitation services
- Research & development
- HRD programs
- Model school for persons with visual disabilities
- Braille books
- Talking books
- Guidance & counseling
- Distribution of Aids & appliances (ADIP)

CRC under NIEPVD:

- Sunder Nagar, Himachal Pradesh
- Gorakhpur
- Sikkim

Regional Centers (RC) under NIEPVD:

- Regional Centre at Chennai
- Two Regional Chapters at Kolkata and Secunderabad

Phone: 0135-2744491

Address: 116, Rajpur Road, Dehradun –248001
Uttarakhand, India

Email: directorniepvd@gmail.com, director@nivh.org.in

Website: www.nivh.gov.in

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

Services Offered:

- Short-term training programs
- Evaluation and diagnosis of hearing, speech and language impairment
- Referral and follow-up
- Selection and fitting of hearing aids and ear molds
- Parent Infant Programme
- Psychological evaluation services
- Speech & language therapy
- Psychotherapy and behaviour therapy

- Parent guidance and counseling
- Pre-school
- Outreach and extension services
- Vocational training & placement
- Educational evaluation
- Skill Training Programme
- Disability Information Line (DIL)

CRC under AYJNISHD:

- Bhopal
- Ahmedabad
- Nagpur

RCs under AYJNISHD:

- Kolkata
- Secunderabad
- Noida
- Janla

Phone: 022-26400215 / 26409176 / 26400263; 022-26422638

Address: K.C. Marg, Bandra (W) Reclamation Mumbai
– 400 050

Email: ayjnihh-mum@nic.in

Website: www.ayjnihh.nic.in

4. National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NILD), Kolkata.

Services Offered:

- Clinical services
- Rehabilitation
- Disability Evaluation/ Assessment
- Medical/ Surgical management
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Prosthetic & Orthotics
- Socio-economic Rehabilitation
- Clinical Social work
- Vocational Counseling & Planning
- Special Education
- Restorative surgery
- Aids & appliances
- Vocational training
- Out Reach Services, etc.

CRC under NILD:

- Patna
- Tripura
- Naharlagoon

RCs under NILD:

- Mizoram
- Regional Chapter at Dehradun

Phone: 033-2531 0279/ 0610

Address: B T Road, Bonhooghly, Kolkata - 700 090

Email: mail@nioh.in

Website: www.niohkol.nic.in

5.Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan) (PDUNIPPD), New Delhi.

Services Offered:

- Assessments
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Physical therapy
- Counselling
- Social & vocational
- Integrated school
- Hostel
- Outreach & extension services
- HRD programs
- ADIP scheme, etc.

CRC under PDUNIPPD:

- Lucknow
- Srinagar

RC under PDUNIPPD

- **Secunderabad**

Phone: 011-23239690, 23233672, 23233782

Address: 4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, New Delhi- 110
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Email: diriph@nic.in

Website: <http://www.iphnewdelhi.in/>

6. Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research (Divyangjan) (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack.

Services Offered:

- Assessment
- Radiological and Pathological investigation
- Cerebral Palsy Clinic
- Hand Clinic
- Speech Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Psychological Counseling
- Vocational Counseling, Training and Guidance, etc.

CRC under SVNIRTAR:

- Guwahati
- Ranchi
- Balangir

Sub-centers under SVNIRTAR:

- Cuttack
- Dhenkanal
- Bhubaneswar

Phone: 0671-2805552

Address: Olatpur, P.O :Bairoi Dist: Cuttack, Odisha-754010

Email: svnirtar@gmail.com , dinirtar@nic.in , nirtar@nic.in

Website: www.svnirtar.nic.in

7. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPID) (Formerly NIMH), Secunderabad.

Services Offered:

- Special education services
- Psychological services
- Medical services
- Therapeutic services
- Early intervention services
- Vocational training & rehabilitation
- Follow-up services
- Referral services
- Mobile services
- Respite care services
- Family cottage services
- NIOS, etc.

CRC under NIEPID:

- Nellore
- Davangere
- Rajnandangaon

RCs under NIEPID:

- New Delhi
- Noida
- Kolkata
- Navi Mumbai

Phone: 040-27751741-45

Address: [Manovikas Nagar, Secunderabad-500009, T.S.](#)

Email: nimh.director@gmail.com , dir@nimhindia.gov.in

Website: www.niepid.nic.in

8. Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi

Phone: 011-6387558, 011-26387559

Address: A-91, Pocket D, Okhla Phase II,
Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi-
110020

Email: islrtnewdelhi@gmail.com

Website: www.islrtc.nic.in

9. National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR)

Services Offered:

- Psycho-diagnostic Assessment and Testing
- Neuropsychological Assessment
- Psycho-education, Guidance and Counselling
- Psycho-Therapeutic Intervention for various Mental Health Problems
- Outreach and Awareness Services

Phone: 07562223960

Address: [Purana](#) Zila Panchayat Bhawan, Luniya
Chauraha, Mandi Road, Sehore, Bhopal, M.P- 466001

Email: nimhrsehore@gmail.com

Website: www.nimhr.ac.in

Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC)

CRCs are established with the aim of creating resources and infrastructure required for developing services for Persons with Disabilities. It offers end-to-end solutions for them in various parts of the country with services ranging from academic to clinical and is committed to further the cause of Persons with Disabilities.

The main objectives are:

- To serve as the Composite Regional Centre for rehabilitation and special education of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).
- To undertake human resource development by training rehabilitation professionals, village level workers, multi-rehabilitation workers and other functionaries in the government and non-government sector required for providing services to persons with disabilities.
- To undertake public education programmes for the creation of awareness among parents and the community.
- To undertake designing, fabrication & fitment of aids and appliances.
- To undertake services of education and skill development, leading to enhancement of opportunities for employment, rehabilitation, mobility, communication, recreation and integration in society.

- To undertake research and development with specific reference to the needs of diverse groups of people with disability, keeping in view the nature and severity of disability in the region.
- To develop strategies for delivery of rehabilitation services suitable to the socio-cultural background of the region.
- To stimulate growth of services by encouraging and supporting voluntary organizations, parent groups and self-help groups.
- To establish linkages with existing medical, educational, and employment services following the principles of community-based rehabilitation, and offer extension services in the rural areas.

**Composite Regional Centre for Skill
Development, Rehabilitation &
Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRCs)
List**

CRC	ADDRESS	CONTACT
CRC- Kozhikode, Kerala	IMHANS Complex, Near Chest Hospital. PO Medical College, Kozhikode District, Kerala-673 008	0495-2730045, 0495-2353345 crckozhikode@gmail.com crckozhikode.ker@nic.in www.crckozhikode.gov.in
CRC- Nagpur	Krida Prabodhii Hall, Yashwant stadium, Dhantoli, Nagpur, Maharashtra-440012	0712-2445439 nagpurcrc@gmail.com
CRC- Gorakhpur, UP	Sitapur Eye Hospital, Park Road civil Lines, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh-273001	0551-2202024 crcgkpr@gmail.com
CRC- Andaman & Nicobar Island	Near Pondicherry University, Brookshabad, South Andaman, Port Blair- 744112	03192296471 andamancrc@gmail.com
CRC- Sunder Nagar, Himachal Pradesh	Near Maha Maya Mandir, Sunder Nagar, Dist. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh- 175 018	01907-266638, 01907-267638; 267338 crcsnr@gmail.com crcsnr@yahoo.com incharge@crcsnr.org www.crcsnr.org

CRC- Bhopal	Punarvas Bhavan, Khajurikalan Road, Post Piplani, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh- 462 021	0755-2685950, 2685951 crcbhopal-nihh@nic.in crcbhopal2k@gmail.com www.crcbhopal.nic.in
CRC- Ahmedabad	Bhikshuk Gruh Campus	079-22870544 crcabad@gmail.com m_craahmd-nihh@nic.in
	G.I.D.C., Odhav, Ahmedabad, Gujarat- 382415	dircrcamd@gmail.com
CRC- Patna	Sheikhpura (Old Dharamshala), Near IGIMS Nursing College, Sheikhpura Patna, Bihar- 800014	0612-2284900/2284333 crcpatna@rediffmail.com www.crcpatna.com
CRC- Lucknow	Mohaam Road, Near Mohaan Road Police Chowki, (Near G.B. Pant Polytechnic), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226 017	7839456178, 0522-5545389, 0612- 2219333 dircrc.lkw-mosje@gov.in crcsko@rediffmail.com https://cricphlko.in/
CRC- Srinagar	Bemina Bypass, (Near JVC Hospital), Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India-190 018	0194-2498374 0194-2495039 director@crsrinagar.in adminofficer@crsrinagar.in https://www.crcsrinagar.in/
CRC- Guwahati	PMRT Building, Guwahati Medical College Hospital Campus, Bhangarh, Guwahati, Assam- 781032	0361-2347879 info@crcguwahati.org www.crcguwahati.com
CRC- Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh	Old District Hospital Campus, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh-491441	07744-220552 dir-crcrjn.cg@nic.in www.crcrajnandgaon.nic.in

CRC- Nellore	Kanupur Bit-2, Chavatapalem (P) Venkatachalammandal, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh	90522 98030, 8612301741 crcn.niepidindia@gmail.com om http://crcnlr.nic.in/
CRC- Davangere	Devaraj URS Layout, B-Block, Davangere, Karnataka - 577006	08192233464, 08192233465 director.crcdvg@gmail.com om www.crcdvg.nic.in
CRC- Agartala, Tripura	Narsingarh, P.O- Bimangarh, Agartala, Dist- West Tripura- 799015	7007169682, 0381-2342654 crctripura@gmail.com
CRC- Shillong	St. Gabriel Society Monfort Building, Dhankheti, Shillong, Meghalaya	9873765373 crcshillong@gmail.com
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CRC- Ranchi, Jharkhand	Besides Namkum Block office, Khijari, Nayatoli, Namkum, Ranchi- 834010	9368279725 crcranchi2020@gmail.com
CRC- Balangir , Odisha	Sastrinagar, PO- Balangir, near Kedriyabidyala no. 2, Balangir, Odisha- 767001	9937962248 crcbalangir@gmail.com

ABOUT NIEPMD

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) NIEPMD's mission is to generate new knowledge and to promote its effective use to improve the abilities of individuals with disabilities to perform activities of their choice in the community, and to expand society's capacity to provide full opportunities and accommodations for its citizens with disabilities.

As a national resource centre for empowerment of persons with multiple disabilities under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India; NIEPMD strives to achieve this mission by providing research, demonstration, training, technical assistance and related activities to optimize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities of all ages.

Vision

The persons with Multiple Disabilities have equal rights to lead a better quality of life. This may be enabled with committed professionalism, accessible environment, equal opportunities, positive attitudes and appropriate, affordable, acceptable and available technological interventions.

Mission

To provide need based comprehensive rehabilitation through team approach facilitating inclusion, ensuring empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities and their families and by substantiating field based research and development of human resources.

Value Statement

Promoting quality of life for persons with Multiple Disabilities, through equal participation of clients, families, professionals and community agencies.

Objectives

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

Brief of Rights of Persons with Disability (2016) Act (RPwDA)

Based on the United Nations Convention for Rights of Persons with Disability(UNCRPD). The RPwD act 2016 was enacted on 28.12.2016, which came into force from 19.04.2017.

Chapter I - Short title and definitions

Chapter 2 - Rights and Entitlements

Rights to: Life of Dignity and Recognition, Life without discrimination, Right to equality, Appropriate environment, Reasonable Accommodation, Community support and Personal assistance, Protection from torture, Protection form inhumane and cruel treatment, Protection from Violence and Exploitation, Protection from being Subjected to Research without Informed consent, Information regarding Reproduction and Family Planning, Assistance & Support in exercising Legal Rights, Accessibility of Public documents and Availability of equipment's, inherit property and in financial affairs, Equality for Women and Children with disabilities, Equal protection from calamities, emergency or Natural Disaster.

Chapter 3 - Educational Rights

Rights to: Admission to schools without discrimination, Participation in recreational activities, Accessible physical environment, appropriate language as well as means & modes of communication for Children with Visual Impairment, Children with Hearing Impairment or both [Children with Sensory Impairment], transportation facility.

The Appropriate Governments and Local Authorities have to ensure the safety and rights of Children with Disability in the Institutions. The Institutions have to evaluate their Progress. The Chapter also talks about the Measures to Promote Inclusive Education.

Chapter 4 - Skill development and Employment

Government should ensure mainstream formal and non-formal skill training programmes, support and facilities for training, loans at concessional rates, support in marketing the products, No discrimination. Equal Opportunity Policy in all establishments, Grievance Redressal Officer at all establishments.

Chapter 5 - Social security, health, rehabilitation and recreation

Schemes & Programmes for Persons with Disability should be allowed 25% more funds than that of the schemes introduced to Persons without Disability, with due consideration to their diversity of disability, gender, age, and socio-economic status. The Schemes shall provide for: Community centers, Safe drinking water and good sanitation facilities, Employment to Women with Disability, Disability pension, Free of cost delivery of Aids and appliances, medicines, diagnostic services and corrective surgery, Unemployment allowance, Care-giver allowance, Free healthcare, Barrier-free access, Financial assistance to Non-Govt. Organizations, Support for the engagement in Cultural and Sports Activities.

Chapter 6 - Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disability

Special Provisions for Persons with Benchmark Disability ensures: Free education from 6 to 18 years of age, 5% reservation in Govt. & Aided Higher Education Institutions, 4% reservation in all Govt. establishments

- 1% (VI, LV)
- 1% (HI, HH) Hard of Hearing
- 1% (Locomotor Disability. – CP, MD, AAV, Dwarfism, LC)
- 1% (Autism, ID, LD, MI & MD),

5% reservation with priority to Women with Benchmark Disability in all developmental and poverty alleviation schemes, Special Employment Exchange for Persons with Disability.

Chapter 7 - Special provision for Persons with Disability with High Support Need

Any person requiring high support need can apply for it to the appropriate authority. Assessment Board will send report to the Central Government and accordingly the authority can take steps to satisfy the requirement of the Persons with Disability.

Chapter 8 - Duties and Responsibilities of Governments

Conducting awareness campaigns and programmes to protect the rights of Persons with Disability, ensuring rules to lay down the standards of accessibility, accessible transportation for both rail and road, Accessible electronic media contents, consumer goods, Social audit of all running programmes and schemes.

Chapter 9 - Registration of Institutions for Persons with Disability & grants to them

Competent Authority (appointed by the Government) can grant Certificate of Registration or cancel the application within 90 days from applying. Reason for cancellation of application should be given in writing. Renewal applications to be submitted not less than 60 days from expiry. Registration Certificate to be displayed in the institution. Not applicable to Central/state run institutions

Chapter 10 - Certification of Specified Disability

Authority, Guidelines & time frame as specified by the Central Government. Certificate to be valid across the country.

Chapter 11 - Central, State Boards and District Committees on Disability

Central Advisory Board (CAB) consists of : Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, 3 Members of Parliament, Joint Sec to GoI handling Disability Policy as Member Secretary, Ministers & Governors from all states & Union Territories, Secretary of NITI aayog, Chairpersons of RCI, NCTE, UGC, MCI, NTWPACPMRMD, Chairmen of NHFDC, ALMC, Railway Board, Directors of NCERT, NIVH, NIMH, PDDUIPH, AYJNIHH, NIOH, NIRTR, NIEPMD, NIMHS, ISLRTC (National Institutes), Secretaries to the Government of India in charge of the Various Ministries or Departments, and Central Government Nominees consisting of 5 experts from Disability & Rehab field, 10 members from Disability related NGOs (5 women, 1 SC, 1 ST), 3 rep from National level chambers of Commerce & Industry.

Functions of CAB: Developing national policy, Advise to CG & SG on policy, programmes, projects and legislations, review and coordination of Depts., Governments & NGOs, coordinating between Persons with Disabilities & different authorities and International Organizations, Recommendations on inclusivity, Monitoring & Evaluating the laws, policies etc.,

State Advisory Board (SAB) in all states consists of: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Joint Sec to SG handling Disability Policy as Member Secretary, Secretaries to the State Government in charge of various Departments, 3 Members of Legislative Assembly, 5 experts from Disability & Rehab field, 5 members in rotation rep each districts, 10 members from Disability related NGOs (5 women, 1 SC, 1 ST), 3 rep from state chambers of Commerce & Industry.

Functions of SAB: Developing state policy, Advise SG on policy, programmes, projects and legislations, review and coordination of Depts., Governments & NGOs, coordinating between Persons with Disability & different authorities and International Organizations, Recommendations on inclusivity, Monitoring & Evaluating the laws, policies etc.,

District Level Committee will function under the State Governments and functions will be as decided by the State.

Chapter 12 - Chief Commissioner & State Commissioners for Person with Disability

Chief Commissioner to be appointed by Central Government. Two assistant commissioners to be appointed by the Central Government, of which one person should be a Person with Disability. Need to be persons with experience in the field of Rehabilitation.

Functions: Recommending corrective steps in policies, programs etc., Taking up violation of rights of Person with Disability to the Central Government, Measures to implement the safeguards provided by the law, Remedial measures for ensuring the rights, Recommendations for the implementation of international laws and treaties, Promote research and conduct awareness on Persons with Disability rights, Monitoring the implementation of the acts and the disbursed fund from the Government.

Chapter 13 - Special Court

For each district, a Court of Session to be a Special Court to try the offences under this Act – decided by the State Government in concurrence with Chief Justice of the High Court. Special Public Prosecutor with a minimum of 7 years' experience to be appointed for each special court.

Chapter 14 - National Fund for Persons with Disability

National Fund consists of the sum amount allotted for Person with Disability with respect to different policies and Schemes. National Fund for Persons with Disability is CAG audited. Audit report to be presented in Parliament

Chapter 15 - State Fund for Persons with Disability

State Fund to be initiated by the State Governments. CAG audited. Audit report to be presented in each houses of the state legislature.

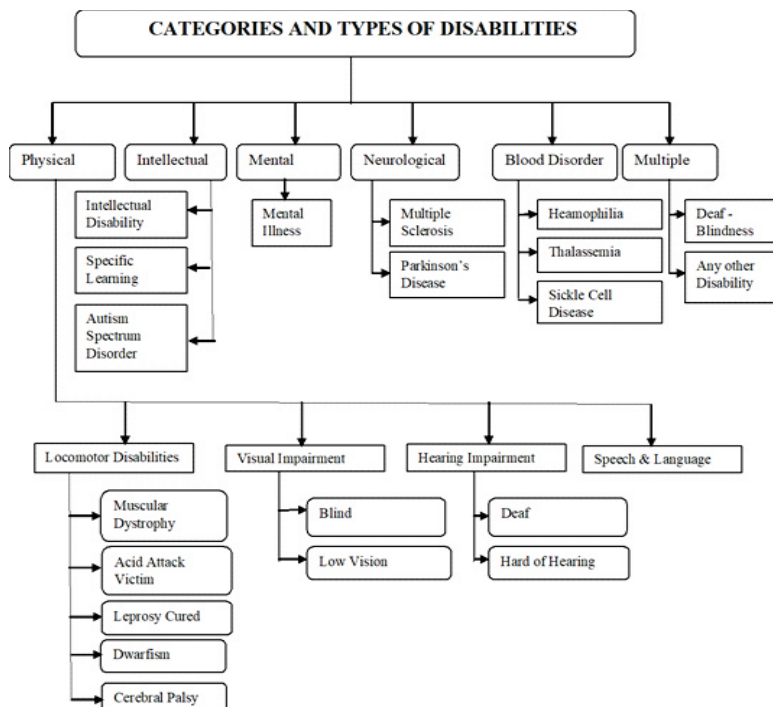
Chapter 16 - Offences and Punishments

Contravention of the act is punishable with fine of 10,000 Rs. And subsequent contraventions can be fined up to 50,000 to 5 lakh Rupees. In case of Company all those involved are punishable under the law.

- For Fraudulently availing benefits ->1year imprisonment / fine up to 1 lakh/ both
- Exploitation and denial of Rights of Persons with Disability -> imprisonment from 6 months to 5 years with fine
- Failure in furnishing the documents - >25,000 Rs and further denial will cost 1000 per day afterwards

Chapter 17 - Miscellaneous

Application of other laws not barred under the act. Actions taken in good faith (from Central Government officials to State Commissioner officials) need to be protected. The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 is repealed.



Brief of Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) Act, 1992 & Amendment Act,2000

Chapter I - Short title and Definitions

Chapter II - Rehabilitation Council of India

A council to be constituted in the name Rehabilitation Council of India consisting of a Chairperson, Representatives from the Ministries of Social Welfare, Health, and Finance, University Grant Council, Indian Council of Medical Research (Directorate General and Professionals working with Persons with Disability), Voluntary Organizations, Member of Parliaments, Social Workers. The Council shall meet once in a year.

Executive Committee shall consist of Chair Person and other members which will be decided by the council. The Council has the power to appoint its employees to carry out the purposes of the act. In case of dissolution of the Rehabilitation Council the powers will be transferred to the Council under the Societies Registration Act of 1860.

Chapter III - Functions of the Council

The Functions of the Council are as follows:

1. Recognition of Professionals: Qualifications for the Rehabilitation Professionals will remain the same as that recognized by Universities and other National Institutes included in the Schedule of the Act. Recognition of other professionals in India from other University or Institutions will be recognized by the Central Government after proper consultation
2. Recognition of Professionals from Universities outside India: will be recognized by the Central Government after proper consultation.

3. Rights of Rehabilitation Professionals: Enrolment in the Register, Entitled to authenticate certificates, Provide proofs to the courts. The Professionals without the recognized certificate of the council cannot perform the functions of a Rehabilitation Professional across India.
4. Practicing without Recognized Certificate shall be punished with imprisonment up to one year or a fine extending up to One thousand rupees.
5. The information related to the courses of study, examinations to be undergone, recognized age for undergoing the courses shall be furnished to the Council
6. The Council shall appoint inspectors to inspect any University or Institutions, the examinations conducted at the Universities and Institutes and submit report to the Council mentioning the required changes.
7. The Council shall appoint as many numbers of visitors as it requires to inspect the Universities or Institutes to examine the conduct of examinations, staff requirements, equipment's, accommodation and trainings. The report of the Visitors will remain confidential with the Chairperson only unless the Central Government requires a copy.
8. In case of insufficient requirements at the University or Institutes as recognized by the Council, the Central Government shall ask for explanations from the University or Institute with intimation of submission period. In case of improper or absence of explanation the recognition of the University or the Institute shall remain invalid until it is granted after the completion of requirements.

9. The Council shall prescribe the minimum standards of Education required for granting Rehabilitation Certificate.
10. The Member Secretary of the Council is vested with the power of entry of names of Professionals in the Registry, provided the person possesses the recognized qualifications. The person is also responsible for the maintenance of the Registry, revisal of names and its publication in the Official Gazette.
11. The Rehabilitation Professionals are entitled to recover in due course the expenses for medicaments, appliances or fees, in their practice as a Rehabilitation Professional.
12. The council shall lay down the code of ethics for Rehabilitation Professional. The professionals who violate the code of ethics and etiquettes, or whose names were entered in the registry by mistake shall be removed from the registry permanently or for prescribed period of time. The person whose names are removed from the registry, owing to reasons other than non- possession of required qualifications, can appeal to the Central Government against the removal within sixty days, whose decision will remain final.
13. For cognizance of an offence under the Act by the court, a complaint in writing is required from a person authorized by the Council.
14. The Council shall not take any actions against the Central Government, the Council, Member Secretary, Members or any other officers for acts with good intentions.

Brief of National Trust (NT) for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act,1999

An Act to provide for the constitution of a body at the national level for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Chapter 1 - Short Title and Definitions

Chapter 2 - The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities

A body in the name 'The National Trust for Welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities', will be constituted for the purposes of this act, the Headquarters of which will be in New Delhi.

The Board shall consist of:

Chairperson, Members from Voluntary Organizations, Association of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities and from Associations of Persons with Disability, Representatives from the Ministries or Departments of Justice and Empowerment, Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, Finance, Labor, Education, Urban Affairs and Employment and Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation, Representatives from Associations of Trade, Commerce and Industry engaged in philanthropic activities and a Chief Executive Officer. The members including the Chairperson can hold the office for a term of three years and meet once in three months.

Chapter 3 Objectives of the Trust

The Trust shall work towards enabling and empowering Persons with Disability to live as independently and fully within their community, strengthening facilities providing support to Persons with Disability to live within their own families, extending support to registered organization to provide need based services during the period of crises in their families, Dealing with problems of Persons with Disability without family support, Promoting measures for the care and protection of Persons with Disability in the event of death of their parent or guardian, Evolving procedure for the appointment of guardians and trustees for persons with disability requiring such protection, Facilitating the realization of equal opportunities, protection of right and full participation of Persons with Disability.

Chapter 4 - Powers and Duties of the Board

The Board shall receive from the Central Government a one-time contribution of rupees one hundred crore for a corpus and as much money as required in each financial year to provide for adequate standard of living for Persons with Disability and to provide financial assistance to registered organization for carrying out any approved Programmes which could include programmes for Persons with Disability that promote their independent living in the community, creating a conducive environment for them, counseling and training for family members, setting up of adult training units, individual and group homes, promoting respite care, foster family care or day care service, developing self help groups, setting up of local committee for the approval of guardianship, and others which promote the objectives of the Trust.

Women with Disability, Persons with Severe Disability and Senior citizens with Disability shall be given preferences in the programmes of the Trust.

Chapter 5 - Procedure for Registration

Any Association of Persons with Disability, or any Association of Parents of Persons with Disability or any voluntary organization working for the welfare of Persons with Disability are eligible to apply for registration. The approval decisions of the applications rest with the board and if rejected, written document recording the reasons need to be maintained. The rejected applicants can again make an application for registration after removing defects.

Chapter 6 - Local level Committee

A Local Level Committee of the Board should be constituted that consists of:

An officer of the Civil Service of the Union or of the State, not below the rank of a District Magistrate or a District Commissioner, a representative of a registered organization and a Person with Benchmark Disability.

The committee shall meet at least once in every three months and shall continue to work for a period of three years or as required by the Board. Any Parent of a Person with Disability or a Registered Organization with the consent of the parent/guardian can make an application to the Local Level Committee for appointment of a guardian of their choice. The committee can approve the application and appoint a guardian for the person after considering their need and purpose of appointment. The applications and orders passed shall be reviewed by the Board if it finds necessary.

The Guardian appointed by the Committee will have the responsibility to care the person as well as their property. The Guardian is required to submit all the details related to the movable and immovable assets of the Person with Disability to the Committee which appointed them within six months of appointment and an account of the assets in charge, sums received and disbursed on account of the person need to be submitted to the committee within a period of three months at the close of every financial year. In case the guardian is found to be abusing or neglecting the person or their property, the parent or a registered organization can file a complaint to the Committee. Upon proving the allegations true, the guardian shall be removed from the position and new guardian shall be appointed. The person thus removed shall be accountable to deliver the charge of all property of the Person with Disability and the money received or disbursed by them to the new guardian.

Chapter 7 - Accountability and Monitoring

The Board is accountable to submit any books or documents in its possession to any registered organization, on their written request. The Board shall also monitor and evaluate the activities of the Registered Organizations that seeks financial assistance from the Trust. The Board should hold an annual meeting every year, of which notice of the meeting along with statement of accounts and records of activities of preceding year should be sent to all the registered Organizations.

Chapter 8 - Finance, Accounts and Audit

The Central Government, after due processes made in the parliament, shall provide to the Trust a one-time contribution of rupees one hundred crores for a corpus, which shall be utilized for the objects of the Trust under the Act. All money received by the Trust in any form shall be called National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism,

Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Fund, which should be used for meeting the administrative and other expenses of the Trust. The accounts of the trust are under the audit of Comptroller and Auditor General. The report of the CAG and the annual report of the Board are to be presented in both the houses of the Parliament. All the orders, decisions and instruments issued in the name of the Board are to be authenticated by the Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer or any other officer appointed by the Chairperson.

Chapter 9 - Miscellaneous

On the receiving a complaint from any registered Organization pointing to the Board's inability to perform the functions that they are supposed to, the Central Government shall issue a notice to the Board asking for explanation. In case of improper explanation or absence of an explanation the Central Government has the power to supersede the Board. All the office holders have to vacate the office upon the publication of the notice of superseding. Within a period of six months a new board is to be constituted by the Government.

The Trust is not liable to pay the tax for the income, gains or profits received. Actions taken with good faith by the Central Government, the Trust or any members of the Trust will get legal protection. The Central Government should make rules in accordance with the act and publish in the Official Gazette. The Board shall make regulations after consultations with the Central Government and publish them in the Official Gazette, which should be in consistent with the act and to carry out the purposes of the act. Rules and regulations shall be laid after proper consultation with both Houses of the Parliament.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SCHEMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

1. DEENDAYAL DISABLED REHABILITATION SCHEME (DDRS)

The main objective is to create an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities. To encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016.

The scheme has been revised to be implemented w.e.f. 1st April, 2018 as given below:

- i. The list of model projects under revised DDR Scheme has been reduced as under:
- ii. Pre-Schools and Early Intervention and Training
- iii. Special Schools for Persons with Disabilities for
- iv. Mental Retardation
- v. Hearing & Speech Impaired, Visually Challenged
- vi. Cerebral Palsied Children
- vii. Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Person
- viii. Half Way Home for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Treated and Controlled Mentally Ill persons
- ix. Home-Based Rehabilitation and Home Management.
- x. Community Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR)
- xi. Low Vision Centres
- xii. Human Resource Development

1.ASSISTANCE TO DISABLED PERSONS FOR PURCHASE/FITTING OFAIDS/APPLIANCES (ADIP)

The main objective of the Scheme is to assist the needy disabled persons in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances to promote physical, social, psychological rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities by reducing the effects of disabilities and at the same time enhance their economic potential. Assistive devices are given to PwDs with an aim to improve their independent functioning, and to arrest the extent of disability and occurrence of secondary disability. The aids and appliances supplied under the Scheme must have due certification. Quality of outsourced aids and assistive devices including individual parts to be procured by Implementing Agencies for distribution under the Scheme is to be ensured through Government certifying agencies as specified by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan).

2. SCHEME FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 1995 (SIPDA)

In accordance with the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (PwD Act), the Ministry has been Implementing the Scheme for Implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (SIPDA) for providing financial assistance to undertake various activities outlined in the Act. The Ministry has been releasing funds under the Scheme since 1999. Consequent upon enactment of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016 and formulation of Rules there under, certain modifications have been proposed in the scheme along with the proposal for continuation of the Scheme.

3. DISTRICT DISABILITY REHABILITATION CENTRES (DDRCs)

In order to facilitate creation of infrastructure and capacity building at district level for awareness generation, rehabilitation, training and guidance of rehabilitation professionals, the Department is supporting setting up District Disability Rehabilitation Centers in all the unserved districts of the country for providing comprehensive services to the persons with disabilities. The scheme of setting up DDRCs with active support of the State Governments was initiated in Ninth Five Year Plan and is continuing. A total number of 310 districts have been identified and approved for setting up of DDRC. Out of these, DDRCs have been set up in 248 districts so far. The DDRCs are provided with financial, infrastructural, administrative and technical support by the Central and State Governments, so that they are in a position to provide rehabilitation services to Persons with Disabilities in the concerned districts.

4. OTHER SCHEMES

A. SCHOLARSHIP/EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

(a) Pre-matric scholarship and post-matric scholarship for students with disabilities

Objectives and brief of the scheme:

- The objectives of the schemes are to provide financial assistance to the students with disabilities for studying in the pre-metric level (class IX and X) and post-metric level (Classes XI, XII and up to post graduate degree/ diploma level).
- The financial assistance includes scholarship, book grant, escort/reader allowance, etc.

- Number of scholarships to be granted during 2017-18 is 20,000 for pre-metric level and 17,000 for post-metric level.
- Selection of the beneficiaries under these two scholarship schemes is done on the basis of merit after the recommendation of the State Governments/Union Territory Administration.
- These schemes are being implemented on-line, through a web-portal “National e-Scholarship Portal” (www.scholarships.gov.in) so that the students can apply on- line and the benefits reach the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

(b) Scholarship for top class education for students with disabilities Objectives and brief of the scheme:

- The Scheme aims at recognizing and promoting quality education amongst Students with Disabilities by providing financial support.
- The scheme will cover Students with Disabilities (SwDs) for pursuing studies at the level of Post Graduate Degree or Diploma in any discipline.
- The scheme is operating in institutions notified by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment as institutions of excellence.
- The financial assistance includes scholarship, book grant, escort/ reader allowance, etc.
- Number of scholarships to be granted during 2017-18 is 110 Scholarship for Top Class Education. 50% of the scholarships are reserved for girls.
- Parental income ceiling is Rs.6.00 lakhs per annum for Top Class Education.
- Selection of the beneficiaries under these three scholarship schemes is done on the basis of merit after the recommendation of the Governments of State or Union Territories

(c) National Overseas Scholarship for students with disabilities: Objectives and brief of the scheme:

- The scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities has been launched with the objectives of providing financial assistance to the students with disabilities for pursuing studies abroad at the level of Masters' Degree and Ph.D.
- Twenty (20) scholarships are to be awarded every year out of which six are reserved for women candidates.
- The scholarship amount includes Maintenance Allowance, Contingency Allowance, Tuition Fees, and Cost of Air Passage etc.
- Parental income ceiling is Rs.6.00 lakh per month.
- In addition to the above, there is a provision of "Passage Grants" to two Students with Disabilities every year. Only those Students with Disabilities who are in receipt of a merit scholarship for Post Graduate Studies, Research or Training abroad (excluding attending seminars, workshops, conferences), from a foreign government/organization or under any other scheme, where the cost of passage is not provided, shall be eligible. The Passage Grant includes to-and-fro air-fare from home-station to the Institute abroad by economy class through Air India.

(d) National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (NFPwD) Objectives and Brief of the scheme:

- NFPwD Scheme was launched during the financial year 2012-13 to increase opportunities to students with disabilities for pursuing higher education leading to degrees such as M.Phil. and Ph.D. in any University recognized by University Grants Commission(UGC).

- Under the scheme, 200 Fellowships (Junior Research Fellows, JRF) per year are granted to students with disabilities. In case of non-availability of adequate number of students with disabilities, the number of fellowships not availed during a year will be carried forward to the next academic session.
- In case, the number of candidates exceeds the number of available awards, the UGC selects the candidates based on the percentage of marks obtained by the candidates in their Post-Graduation examination.

(e) Central Sector Plan Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities

The objective of the Scheme is to provide coaching for economically disadvantaged students with disabilities, having minimum 40% or more disability to enable them to appear in competitive examinations and to succeed in obtaining an appropriate job in Government/Public/Private sector.

(f) Revised Incentive Scheme for providing employment to Persons with Disabilities (PwDS) in the private sector

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 announced by the then Finance Minister in his Budget speech of Financial Year 2007-08.

Pursuant to this announcement, the M/o Social Justice & Empowerment launched a Scheme for the Employers in the Private Sector, which envisages payment of employers contribution to the EPF and ESI by the Government for the first three years for employing PwDs with monthly wages up to Rs. 25,000/-.

(g). National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC)

NHFDC is a not-for-profit company wholly owned by Government of India. NHFDC functions as an Apex institution for extending financial support for education, employment and entrepreneurship of the persons with disabilities through the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the State Government(s). Prominent schemes being implemented by NHFDC are given below in brief:

1) Loan Schemes

- i) For setting up small business in Service/Trading sector: Loan up to Rs. 3.0 lakh for sales/trading activity and Rs. 5.0 lakh for service sector activity. Loan assistance provided for self-employment of disabled persons in service sector or for trading activity. The small business, project or activity, for which financial assistance has been sought, will have to be operated by the disabled person himself.
- ii) For agricultural/allied Activities: Loan up to Rs. 10 lakh. Loan assistance is provided to disabled persons for agricultural production, irrigation, horticulture, sericulture, purchase of agricultural machinery/equipment for agricultural service, marketing of agriculture products etc.
- iii) For purchase of vehicle for commercial hiring – Loan up to Rs.10 lakh
- vi) For setting up small industries unit: Loan up to Rs.25 lakh. Loan assistance is provided to PwDs for manufacturing, fabrication and production activity. The PwD will be the owner/chief executive of the company.
- v) Scheme for Disabled Young Professionals- Loan up to Rs 25.00 lakhs to professionally educated / trained disabled youths for self employment.

2) Grant & other Schemes:

i) Assistance for Skills and Entrepreneurial Development Programmes Financial assistance in the form of grant is provided to State Channelizing Agencies/reputed institutions for imparting training to the disabled persons (15-50 year of age with 40% or more disability) to make them capable and self-dependent through proper technical training in the field of traditional and technical occupations and entrepreneurship. During the training stipend @ Rs.2000/- per month is also provided to disabled trainees.

ii) Hand holding support to registered institutions for PwDs: The registered institutions are eligible for hand holding support of up to Rs.1,000/- per PwD for extending information, support, guidance for procedural/documentation formalities to PwDs in obtaining loans or admission in training institutes.

iii) Scholarship Scheme: NHFDC is also administering two scholarship schemes. A total of 3000 scholarships are available. Student with disabilities can apply directly for scholarship on the website of NHFDC (www.nhfdc.nic.in).

B. ACCESSIBLE INDIA CAMPAIGN | SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAN

The Government envisions to have an inclusive society in which equal opportunities and access is provided for the growth and development of persons with disabilities to lead productive, safe and dignified lives. In furtherance of this vision, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched the Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) on 3rd December, 2015 on the occasion of International Day for Persons with Disabilities,

as a nationwide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and to create an enabling and barrier free environment, with a focus on three verticals: Built Environment; Public Transportation and Information & Communication Technologies.

C. SCHEME FOR AWARENESS GENERATION AND PUBLICITY Objectives:

- a) To give wide publicity, including event based publicity etc. through electronic, print, film media, multimedia, to the schemes, programmes being run by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and other Central Ministries, State Government setc. for the welfare of PwDs including their social, economic and educational empowerment.
- b) To create an enabling environment for social inclusion of the PwDs in all fields of life by providing equal opportunities, equity & social Justice and to ensure confidence building in the PwDs so that, they can realize their aspirations.
- c) To bring to the notice of all stake holders including PwDs and civil society about the legal rights of the PwDs as enshrined in the constitution, international conventions, PwD Act 1995 and subordinate legislation(s).
- d) To sensitize the employers and other similar groups on the special needs of the specially abled persons.
- e) To promote awareness and to sensitize society with focus on remote and rural areas, on causes leading to disability and prevention through early detection etc.
- f) To encourage volunteer action for ensuring effective implementation of the legal provisions

- g) To develop content for rehabilitation of different types of disabilities.
- h) To provide financial support for helplines.
- i) To provide financial support for effective grievance redressal.
- j) To extend financial support for National & International events organized by reputed organizations on disabilities.
- k) To create or to facilitate creation of facilities conducive to the recreation of PwDs which may include inter alia tourism, educative, medical religious tourism, sports, etc.
- l) To extend financial support for participation in the Community Radio Programmes /Scheme of the Ministry of I&B.
- m) To promote activities for economic empowerment of PwDs like job fairs, campaigns, awareness on skill development etc.
- n) To 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.
- o) To promote individual excellence in the field of disability sector.
- p) To promote relevant activity/activities relating to creating awareness in the field of disability sector.

D. NATIONAL FUND FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Section 86 of the RPwD Act, 2016 mandates constitution of the National Fund for persons with disabilities. The funds available under the erstwhile Trust Fund for empowerment of persons with disabilities and the National Fund for people with disabilities will be subsumed under the National Fund. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 provides a broad framework for utilization and management of the fund. As per the provisions of the said Rules, the Central Government has constituted a Governing Body under the chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD which would be responsible for overall management of the said fund.

E. CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF “SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT/MODERNISATION/CAPACITY AUGMENTATION OF BRAILLE PRESSES.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has approved the Scheme titled Central Sector Scheme of “support for establishment, modernization, capacity augmentation of Braille Presses” in November 2014.

F. CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME ON 'RESEARCH ON DISABILITY RELATED TECHNOLOGY, PRODUCTS AND ISSUES -

The scheme was introduced in the year 2015-16. After completion of the 12th Five Year Plan, it was decided to merge the scheme under the umbrella scheme SIPDA. The EFC has already approved the SIPDA scheme which covers the component of R&D in the disability sector. The objectives of the Scheme are:-

- i) To promote research of service models and programmes on the basis of life cycle needs holistic development of the individuals and their families and creating an enabling environment for the empowerment of the PwDs.
- ii) To initiate and sustain innovative applied and action research to improve the equality of life.
- iii) To promote research in prevention and prevalence of disability and the application of science and technology to the development of indigenous, appropriate aids and appliances.
- iv) To evolve strong linkages between research findings and policy and planning and practice.
- v) To ensure active and compulsory involvement of PwDs in applied research and product development projects in area of disability.

G. INDIAN SPINAL INJURIES CENTRE, NEW DELHI

Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC), New Delhi was set up in collaboration with the Government of Italy, through San Rafaela Hospital, Milan along with the support from the Government of India to render super-speciality services for spinal injury management. The Indian Spinal Injury Centre, a Non-Governmental Organization, provides comprehensive rehabilitation management services to patients with spinal cord injuries and related ailments. These include intervention in the form of reconstructive surgery, stabilization operations, physical rehabilitation, psycho- social rehabilitation, and vocational rehabilitation services. The main objectives of organization are human resource development, research and development, development of models of care and rehabilitation, documentation and distribution, special education centre, consultancy services and outreach programmes for spinal injured patients.

H. NEW INITIATIVES & SCHEMES IN PROGRESS

Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)

The Government has approved establishment of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, under the aegis of this Department. Order to this effect has been issued by the Department on 28th September, 2015. The main objective of the Centre will be to develop manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language. Presently the Centre is functioning in the premises of, A-91, 1st Floor, Nagpal Business Tower, Okhla Phase-II, New.

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

Government of India has identified schemes where benefits either in cash, kind or service are provided directly to the beneficiaries for the purpose of Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT). The aim of DBT is to ensure that benefits go to individuals' bank accounts electronically, thereby reducing delay in payment, ensuring accurate targeting of the beneficiary and curbing pilferage and duplication. For the purpose of DBT, the schemes have to be notified under section 7/section 57 of the Aadhaar act. Eleven Schemes of the Department were identified to be on boarded DBT platform. Already all schemes have been on boarded except one scheme of Trust Fund, which does not exist due to implementation of new Act.

Schemes of the Organizations

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 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 which 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 Committee and providing legal Guardianship. Welfare duty is discharged through the schemes. The activities of the National Trust interilic include training, awareness and capacity building programmes and shelter, care giving & empowerment. The National Trust is committed to facilitate equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation of persons with disabilities, covered under the Act.

Major Activities under different Schemes & Programmes of the National Trust

i) DISHA (Early Intervention and School Readiness Scheme)

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 Centers for early intervention for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through therapies, trainings and providing support to family members. RO should provide day-care facilities to PwDs for at least 4 hours in a day (between 8 am to 6 pm) along with age specific activities. There should be a Special Educator or Early Intervention Therapist, Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist and Counselor for PwDs along with Caregiver and Ayas in the centre. The revised Early Intervention Scheme will have provision to cover 0 to 10 year age group of children in place of 0 to 6 age group as envisaged in the earlier scheme. The set up cost has been increased from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1.55 lakh.

ii) VIKAAS (Day Care):-

This is a Day care scheme, primarily to expand the range of opportunities available to persons with disabilities for enhancing interpersonal and vocational skills as they are on a transition to higher age groups. The centre will also offer care giving support to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) during the time the PwDs 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 fulfill other responsibilities.

RO should provide day-care facilities to PwDs for at least 6 hours in a day (between 8 am to 6 pm) along with age specific activities. Day care should be open for at least 21 days in a month.

iii) SAMARTH (Respite Care):-

The objective of Samarth scheme is to provide respite home for orphans or abandoned, families in crisis and also for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) from BPL & LIG families including destitute with at least one of the four disabilities covered under the National Trust Act. It also aims at creating opportunities for family members to get respite time in order to fulfill other responsibilities. This scheme aims at setting up Samarth Centers 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.

iv) 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 with adequate and quality care service with acceptable living standards including provision of basic medical care from professional doctors. Gharaunda Centre should provide vocational activities, pre-vocational activities and assistance for further training.

The revised GHARAUNDA Scheme will have 1:1 ratio for LIG (including BPL) and above LIG PwDs, (which will be paid seats for Registered Organizations) in place of 5:1.

There will be monthly recurring fund of Rs. 10,000 per PwD in place of one time payment of Rs. 8 lakh per PwD. In addition, there will be one time set up fund of Rs. 2.50 lakh, crisis fund of Rs.10 lakh and fund for setting work center ranging from Rs. 25, 000 to RS. 1, 00,000 lakh.

v) NIRAMAYA' Health Insurance Scheme-

The scheme is to provide affordable Health Insurance to persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities. The enrolled beneficiaries get a health insurance cover up to Rs.1.0 lakh, by paying a nominal fee.

vi) SAHYOGI (Caregiver training scheme):-

This scheme aims at setting up Caregiver Cells (CGCs) to provide training and create a skilled workforce of caregivers to provide adequate and nurturing care for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) and their families who require it. It also seeks to provide parents an opportunity to get trained in care giving, if they so desire. This scheme will provide a choice of training through two levels of courses primary and advanced to allow it to create caregivers suited to work both with Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) families and other institutions catering to the needs of then Divyangjan (NGOs, work centers etc.).

vii)GYAN PRABHA (Educational support):-

GyanPrabha scheme aims to encourage people with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities for pursuing educational courses like graduation courses, professional courses and vocational training leading to employment or self-employment.

The National Trust is providing a specific amount per course to a Divyangjan which covers fees, transportation, books, out of pocket expenses (OPEs) etc.

viii) PRERNA (Marketing Assistance):-

Prerna is the marketing assistance scheme of the National Trust with an objective to create viable and widespread channels for sale of products and services produced by Persons with disabilities (PwDs) covered under the National Trust Act. This scheme aims at providing funds to participate in events such as exhibitions, melas, fairs, etc. to sell the products made by PwDs. The scheme also provides an incentive to the Registered Organisations (ROs) based on the sales turnover of the products made by PwDs. The National Trust shall fund RO participation in national, regional, state and district level events such as fairs, exhibitions, melas etc. for marketing and selling products and services prepared by PwDs. However, at least 51% of employees of these work centre should be Persons with Disabilities covered under the National Trust Act.

ix) SAMBHAV (Aids and Assisted Devices):-

This is a scheme to setup additional resource centers, one each in each city of the country with population greater than 5 million (As per 2011 census), to collate and collect the Aids, software and other form of assistive devices developed with a provision of display and demonstration of the devices. The scheme also includes maintaining information, pertaining to aids and assistive devices present at Sambhavcentre, on the National Trust website. These centers aim to provide information and easy access to devices, appliances, aids, software etc. for betterment and empowerment of PwDs of the National Trust disabilities..

x) BADHTE KADAM (Awareness and Community Interaction):-

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 scheme is to create community awareness, sensitization, social integration and mainstreaming of Persons with Disabilities. The National Trust shall sponsor a maximum of 4 events for each RO per year. Each RO should conduct at least 1 event (either for community, educational institutes or medical institutes) in a year.

NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS IN REHABILITATION (NBER), NIEPMD

VISION

To ensure quality manpower in the field of disability rehabilitation.

MISSION

Conduct examination to ensure proficiency of the trained rehabilitation professional/personnel.

National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation (NBER) is a statutory body under the Rehabilitation Council of India. It has been created as a registered society under society registration act, 1870 and given effect as an adjunct body of RCI on 8th June 2014. The major function of NBER is to conduct examination for Diploma/Certificate level programs all over India. These examinations ensure the quality of proficiency of trained professional /personnel working in the field of disability.

The NBER unit in NIEPMD conducts examination for the following courses:

- D.Ed. Special Education (Intellectual Disability) - D.Ed. Spl. Ed. (ID)
- D.Ed. Special Education (Autism Spectrum Disorders) - D.Ed. Spl. Edn (ASD)
- D.Ed. Special Education (Cerebral Palsy) - D.Ed. Spl. Edn (CP)
- D.Ed. Special Education (Multiple Disabilities) - D.Ed- Spl. Edn (MD)
- Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education (Intellectual Disability) - DECSE(ID)

- Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation-DCBR
- Diploma in Vocational Rehabilitation (Intellectual Disability) -DVR(ID)
- Certificate Course in Care Giving (CCCG)
- Diploma in Rehabilitation Therapy (DRT)
- Diploma in Prosthetics & Orthotics (DPO)
- Certificate Course in Prosthetic and Orthotics (CPO)
- Certificate Course in Rehabilitation Therapy (CCRT)
- Certificate Course in care Giving (CCCG) -Primary
- Certificate Course in care Giving (CCCG) Advanced

For more details log on to www.niepmid.tn.nic.in

Number of students registered per year

S.No.	Year	Course content	Institutes content	Students content
1	2015	7	205	5099
2	2016	10	238	6495
3	2017	13	281	9099
4	2018	11	262	5560
1	2019	10	274	6129

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

S.No	Course	Duration of Course	Recognized by	Affiliated with/ Examining Body
1.	Master of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (M.Phil. (Clinical Psychology))	2 years	RCI	University of Madras, Chennai
2.	Post graduate diploma in Early Intervention(PGDE I)	year	RCI	
3.	Master in Education - Special Education(Multiple Disabilities) (M.Ed. - Spl.Edn.(MD))	2 years	RCI	Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai(TNTEU)
4.	Master in Education - Special Education(Autism Spectrum Disorder) (M.Ed. - Spl.Edn.(ASD))	2 years		
5.	Bachelors in Physiotherapy(BPT)	4 1/2 years		The Tamil Nadu MGR

6.	Bachelors in Occupational Physiotherapy(BPT)	4 1/2 years		
7.	Bachelors in Prosthetics and Orthotics(BPO)	4 1/2 years	RCI	The Tamil Nadu MGR medical University
8.	Bachelors in Audiology Speech Language pathology(BASLP)	4 1/2 years		
9.	Bachelors in Education - Special Education(Multiple Disabilities) (B.Ed. - Spl.Edn.(MD)	2 years		Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai(TNT EU)
10.	Bachelors in Education - Special Education(Autism Spectrum Disorder) (B.Ed. - Spl.Edn.(ASD)	2 years		
11.	Bachelors in Education - Special Education(Deaf blindness) (B.Ed. - Spl.Edn.(Db)	2 years		

13.	Diploma in Education- Special Education (Cerebral Palsy) D.Ed. - Spl.Edn.(CP)	2 years		
14.	Diploma in Education- Special Education (Multiple Disabilities) D.Ed. - Spl.Edn.(MD)	2 years		
15.	Diploma in Education- Special Education (Deaf blindness) D.Ed. - Spl.Edn.(Db)	2 years		NIVH(NBER)
16.	Certificate Course in Care Giving- CCG(A Level)	3 Months	National Trust	NIEPMD- NBER
17.	Certificate Course in Care Giving- CCG(B Level)	6 Months		
18.	Certificate Course in Care Giving- CCG	10 Months	RCI	NIEPMD- NBER