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(i). Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids/ Appliances (ADIP):

➤ **Details of beneficiaries covered under the Scheme during the last eight years and current year (30.05.2022):-**

- Total Number of beneficiaries : 2249541
- Cochlear Implant Surgeries : 4324
- Motorized Tricycles distributed : 31631



- 10 Guinness World records created.



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



Distribution camp conducted on 14.02.2022 in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment at ALIMCO Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh.

➤ **Information related to release/disbursement under the ADIP Scheme**

Years	Number of beneficiaries	Funds Utilized (Rs. in crore)	No of Camps
2014-2015	265602	119.40	1889
2015-2016	245584	154.77	1934
2016-2017	290295	180.58	1447
2017-2018	272731	144.02	1586
2018-2019	300865	202.43	1134
2019-2020	351629	205.71	1156
2020-2021	258749	178.80	1365
2021-2022	243387	195.32	1762
2022-23 (as on 30.05.2022)	20699	27.35	62
Total	2249541	1408.38	12335

➤ **Objectives of the Scheme:**

- The ADIP Scheme has been in operation since 1981.
- The main objective of the Scheme is to assist the needy persons with disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances for their physical, social, educational, economic and psychological empowerment.
- The Scheme was last revised w.e.f. 1.4.2022.



➤ **Eligibility of Beneficiaries:**

- 40% disability. In case of Motorized Tricycle/Wheelchair and High end Prosthesis, atleast 80% locomotor disability certificate is required.
- Monthly income from all sources not to exceed Rs.22500/ per month for 100% concession and Rs.22501/- to Rs.30,000/- per month for 50% concession.
- New assistive device supplied only after 3 years for the same purpose. For children below twelve years of age, limit is one year.

➤ **Implementing Agencies**

- Registered Societies and Charitable Trusts.
- ALIMCO/National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres (CRCs), District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC) etc.

➤ **Quantum of Assistance**

- Aids/appliances which do not cost more than Rs. 15,000/- are covered under the Scheme for single disability. The amount of assistance will be as follows:

Total Income	Amount of Assistance
Upto Rs. 22,500/- per month	Full cost of aid/appliance
Rs.22,501/- to Rs. 30,000/- per month	50% of the cost of aid/appliance

➤ **Different types of activities under the Scheme**

The funds under the ADIP Scheme are utilized for the following purposes:

Camp Activities/District-wise Camps

- Under the ADIP Scheme, grants-in-aid are released for holding camps by the Implementing Agencies at the district level for distribution of assistive devices.
- In view of COVID19 Pandemic, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been finalized for ensuring assessment and distribution of aids and assistive devices while observing social distancing and sanitization protocols.

- **Headquarter activity:** ALIMCO, National Institutes, Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) and some well established Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) require grants-in-aid under

ADIP Scheme to attend to eligible beneficiaries who also approach these organisations or their Regional Centres.

- **Special Camps:** Special camps are held by the Ministry through ALIMCO/National Institutes, whenever the demand arises on the requests received from Members of Parliament and other dignitaries based on the special needs of the area/district where camp is to be held.
- **ADIP-SSA (Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan):** Aids and assistive devices are distributed by ALIMCO to the children below 18 years of age and attending school. ALIMCO, a CPSE under this Ministry, undertakes ADIP-SSA activity for school children for which 60% of funds are released by the Department under ADIP Scheme and 40% by Ministry of Human Resource Development under their Scheme of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
- **Registration of beneficiaries through CSCs and mobile app in addition to camp mode.**
- **Inclusion of contemporary aids and assistive devices:-**The Department has notified high-end contemporary aids and assistive devices for various types of disabilities. Some main aids and assistive devices include Wheelchairs, Tricycles, Hearing Aids, Smart Phone, Smart Cane, Motorized Tricycles, Artificial Limbs and Cochlear Implant.
- **Cochlear Implant:-** Cost ceiling of Cochlear Implant raised from Rs.6.00 Lakh to Rs.7.00 Lakh for children with pre-lingual hearing loss between 1 to 5 years of age and Rs.6.00 Lakh in case of children with acquired hearing loss between 5 to 18 years. Through this programme, children having hearing and speech impairment are successfully able to regain hearing and speech functions.
- **Motorized/Wheelchair Tricycle:** - Motorized Tricycles/Wheelchair are provided to persons having atleast 80% locomotor disability. This is provided to persons aged 16 years and above, once in 5 years. Extent of subsidy is upto Rs.50,000/-.
- **High End Prosthesis:-** High end Prosthesis to persons with disability having atleast 80% disability. Extent of subsidy would be Rs.30,000/-



➤ **Achievements under the ADIP Scheme during the last 08 years and current year (upto 31.05.2022) is as under:-**

- Grants-in-aid of Rs.1408.38 crore were utilized during the last eight years and current year and benefitting 22.49 lakh beneficiaries through 12335 camps.
- 31631 motorized tricycles distributed.
- 219 Hospitals empanelled. 4324 cochlear implant surgeries (3541 under ADIP and 783 under CSR) successfully completed.
- Under ADIP-Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), aids and assistive devices costing Rs.257.93 crore approx. were provided to 7.46 Lakh Divyang Children with Special Needs (DCWSN) through 7222 camps in the Schools all over the country.
- Camp graced by Hon'ble President on 11th February, 2018 at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- Camps graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister at Varanasi, Navsari, Vadodara, Rajkot and Prayagraj.
- 10 Guinness World records have been created.
- MIS Portal to maintain Centralized data base has been developed through C-DAC.

➤ **Achievements under the ADIP Scheme from July, 2021 to May, 2022 is as under:-**

- Grants-in-aid of Rs.194.77 crore were utilized and benefitted 2.31 lakh beneficiaries through 1704 camps.
- 7449 motorized tricycle distributed.
- 755 cochlear implant surgeries (695 under ADIP and 60 under CSR) successfully completed.
- Under ADIP-Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), aids and assistive devices costing Rs.35.54 crore approx. were provided to 0.88 Lakh Divyang Children with Special Needs (DCWSN) through 938 camps in the Schools.

➤ **Details of new schemes launched, merged, modified, changed during last 8 years and extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic,**

- Scheme revised/modified w.e.f 01.04.2022:-
- Cost of aids and assistive devices raised from Rs. 10000/- to Rs.15000/- and from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- for Students with Disabilities.
- Enhancement of income ceiling for 100% concession from Rs. 15,000/- per month to Rs. 22,500/- per month and for 50% concession from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 30,000/- per month.

- Subsidy upto Rs. 50,000/- for Motorized tricycles and Motorized wheelchairs for Divyangjan having at least 80% disability.
 - Corrective Surgery cost for Locomotor Disability raised from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,000/-.
 - New provision of High end Prosthesis with ceiling of Rs.30,000/-.
 - Provision of high-end devices like Smart Phone, Smart Cane, Daisy Player, Teaching Learning Material (TLM) Kits, Digital Hearing Aid, Artificial Limbs, ADL Kit for Leprosy cured etc.
 - Registration of beneficiaries through CSCs and Mobile App in addition to camp mode.
 - Cochlear Implant Programme:- Cost ceiling of Cochlear Implant raised from Rs.6.00 Lakh to Rs.7.00 Lakh for children with pre-lingual hearing loss between 1 to 5 years of age and Rs.6.00 Lakh in case of children with acquired hearing loss between 5 to 18 years. Through this programme, children having hearing and speech impairment are successfully able to regain hearing and speech functions.
- **Extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic:-**
- Keeping in view the situation arising out of COVID 19 pandemic, the Department developed a Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) for assessment of beneficiaries and distribution of aids and assistive devices by following social distancing norms and sanitization protocols.
 - During 2020-21, 2021-22, 3127 camps were conducted and aids and assistive devices at the cost of Rs. 374.11 crore distributed to 5.02 Lakh beneficiaries.
 - Cochlear Implant surgeries: 1378



- Motorized Tricycle distributed: 13518



Distribution of assistive devices and launch of 'An integrated Mobile Service Delivery Van' on 13.02.2022 at Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh

(ii). Scholarship Schemes for 'Students with Disabilities':

- **Details of beneficiaries covered under the Scheme** during the last seven years: Scholarships provided to 1,84,371 students with disabilities at a cost of Rs.555.35 crore.
- **Scholarships released through DBT Mode during the last Eight years:**

Years	Number of beneficiaries	Funds Utilized (Rs. in crore)
2014-2015	306	13.25
2015-2016	6474	25.02
2016-2017	14841	35.83
2017-2018	21204	56.47
2018-2019	30366	86.27
2019-2020	42972	114.57
2020-2021	26067	91.77
2021-2022	42131	132.17
Total	184361	555.35

To support students with disabilities to study further in order to prepare themselves to earn their livelihood and to find a dignified place for themselves in the society as they face several barriers physical, financial, psychological in pursuing studies and living with dignity. At times such students are deprived of harnessing their latent skills and thereby miss the opportunity.

- Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is presently implementing an Umbrella Scheme 'Scholarships for Students with

Disabilities'. 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.

- The umbrella Scholarship Scheme 'Scholarship for Students with Disabilities' comprises six components:

- Pre-matric (For Class IX & X)
- Post-matric (For Class XI to Post-Graduated degree/diploma)
- Top Class Education (For Graduated degree/ Post-Graduate Degree/ Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education)
- National Fellowship (For M.Phil/Ph.D in Indian Universities)
- National Overseas Scholarship (For Master's Degree/Doctorate in universities abroad)
- Free Coaching (For recruitment examination for Group A, B & C and entrance examination for admission in technical and professional courses)

- Conditions of Eligibility:

The general conditions of eligibility of all the components of the scheme are given below:

- All the six scholarships are applicable to students with benchmark disabilities i.e., 40% Not more than two children with disabilities of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. Provided, in case, the second child is a twin, the scholarship under the Scheme will be admissible to both the twins.
- Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she/he would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.
- A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/ stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts another scholarship/stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.
- Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Central Government/ State Government will not be eligible for



stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

➤ **Reservation of slots for girl students:**

50% of the total scholarship slots available each year shall be 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 underutilized slots can be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates.

➤ **Implementing Agency:**

- The Pre-matric, Post-matric and Top Class Education Scholarships for Students with Disabilities are implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the scholarship amount is remitted directly to the beneficiaries through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal.
- Under the National Fellowship for PwDs scheme, UGC is the nodal agency for implementing the scheme and is responsible for selection of beneficiaries, issue of award letter to selected candidates and disbursement of fellowships to selected candidates.
- Under the National Overseas Scholarship for SwDs scheme, disbursement of scholarship amount / reimbursement of miscellaneous expenses etc. incurred by the candidate shall be done by M/o External Affairs (MEA) through Indian Mission abroad.
- In the Scheme of Free Coaching for SwDs, Mode II have been introduced, whereby students shall have the liberty to take coaching from the Institute of his/her choice provided that the Institute enjoys good reputation and has a good track record. The coaching fee would be reimbursed into the beneficiary's bank account through DBT mode.

➤ **The salient features of the umbrella Scholarship Scheme are as under:**

(i) **Pre-matric (For Class IX & X):** (Scholarships under this scheme shall be available for studying in classes IX & X)

- **Parents/Guardian's Income ceiling:** Parents/Guardian's annual income ceiling from all sources is Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.
- **Maintenance Allowance:** Rs.800/- per month for hosteller and Rs.500/- per month for day scholars. The maintenance allowance is paid for 12 months in a year.
- **Disability allowances:** Rates of Disability Allowance admissible are mentioned in the table below:

S.No.	Type of Disability	Amount (Rs. Per annum)
1.	Visually Impaired	4000.00
2.	Hearing Impaired	2000.00
3.	Physically Disabled OH	2000.00
4.	Intellectual Disabilities	4000.00
5.	All other types of disability not covered under above	2000.00

- Book allowance: In addition to the above, book allowance of Rs.1000/- per annum is paid.
- (ii) **Post-matric (For XI to Post-graduate Degree/Diploma):** Scholarships under this scheme shall be available for studying in classes XI, XII, Post-matriculation diploma/certificates and Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India and Master's Degree/ Diploma from any University recognized by UGC/AICTE
- Parents/Guardian's Income ceiling: The Parents/Guardian's annual income ceiling from all sources is Rs.2.50 lakh per annum
 - Maintenance allowance: The rate of Maintenance allowance ranges from Rs.900 to Rs. 1600 per month for Hosteller and from Rs.550 to Rs.750 per month for day scholars, depending upon the course pursued by the candidate.
 - Disability Allowances: The different types of allowances related to disability shall be payable as under:

S.No.	Type of Disability	Amount (Rs. Per annum)
1.	Visually Impaired	4000.00
2.	Hearing Impaired	2000.00
3.	Physically Disabled (OH)	2000.00
4.	Intellectual Disabilities	4000.00
5.	All other types of disability not covered under above	2000.00

- Book allowance: In addition to the above, book allowance of Rs.1500/- per annum is paid.
 - Compulsory Non refundable fee (Tuition Fee, Game Fee, Library fee etc.): The maximum fee ceiling for reimbursement of "Compulsory Non refundable fee" is Rs.1.50 lakh per annum.
- (iii) **Scholarship for Top Class Education (For Graduate Degree/Post-graduate Degree/Diploma level courses in notified institutes of excellence in education):** To promote quality education amongst students with disabilities by providing financial support for pursuing studies at the level of Graduate and Post- Graduate degree or diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education identified by DEPwD.



- Parents/Guardian's Income: Should not exceed Rs.8 lakh per annum.
- Maintenance allowance: This is provided @ Rs.3000/- p.m. for hostellers and @ Rs.1500/-p.m. for day scholars.
- Disability allowance: Rs.2000/- per month.
- Book grant: Rs.5000/- per annum.
- Tuition fees: Up to Rs.2.00 lakh per annum.
- Laptop/Computer & software: One time grant for purchase of Laptop and software @ Rs.45000 for the entire course.
- Aids & Assistive Devices: Rs. 30000/- as a onetime grant for entire course.

- (iv) **National Overseas Scholarship for students with disabilities (For Master's Degree and Ph.D in foreign universities):** To provide financial assistance to the students with disabilities who are selected for pursuing Master's level courses and Ph.D abroad in the following specified field of study: Engineering & Management, Pure Sciences and Applied Sciences, Agricultural Science & Medicine, Commerce, Accounting and Finance and Humanities, Social Science including Law & Fine Arts.

➤ **Minimum Qualification:**

For Ph.D.: First class or 55% (fifty five per cent) marks or equivalent grade in relevant Master's Degree.

For Masters' Degree: 55% (fifty five per cent) marks or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelor's Degree.

Age: Below 35 (Thirty -Five) years, as on first day of the month of the advertisement of the scheme.

- Parents/Guardian's income: Should not exceed Rs.8.00 lakh per annum.
- Tuition fees: Tuition fees of foreign universities/colleges admissible as per actual.
- 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.
- Annual Contingency Allowance: US\$1500/- per annum for United States of America and other countries except United Kingdom where it is GBP 1100/- per annum.
- Incidental journey allowance: US\$20/-or its equivalent in Indian Rupees.
- Equipment Allowance: US\$20/-or its equivalent in Indian Rupees.
- Visa Fees: Visa Fee, as per actual, in Indian Rupees.
- Medical Insurance Premium: Actual medical insurance premium.
- Reimbursement of lump sum actual examination fee or maximum of Rs.50,000/- whichever is less for selected students to appear for English language / other examinations like GRE, GMAT, Tofel, IELTS etc.

➤ **National Fellowships for Persons with Disabilities (For M.Phil and Ph.D in Indian Universities)**

The objective of the scheme is to provide fellowship in the form of financial assistance to Persons with Disabilities to pursue higher studies leading to M.Phil/Ph.D in Science, Humanities, Social Science, in Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges recognized by UGC.

- Parental income: No parental income ceiling.
- Duration of Fellowship:

Name of course	Maximum duration	Admissibility of JRF & SRF	
M.Phil	2 years	2 years	Nil
Ph.D	5 years	2	Remaining 3 years
M.Phil + Ph.D	5 years	2 years	Remaining 3 years

- a. **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 remaining tenure
3	Contingency for Science, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for 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

- b. The House Rent Allowance (HRA) is paid on the UGC pattern and payable to those students who are not provided with hostel accommodation.

➤ **Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities:** To provide coaching to students with disabilities to enable them to appear in the



competitive examination for Government jobs and seek admission to various professional and technical courses.

- Courses for Coaching: The courses for which the coaching will be imparted shall be as follows:
- Recruitment examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) and the various Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) for Group 'A', 'B' & 'C' posts;
- Recruitment examinations conducted by the State Public Service Commissions for Group 'A', 'B' & 'C' posts in the respective States;
- Recruitment examinations conducted by Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), Nationalized Banks, Government Insurance Companies and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for Officer level posts under them.
- Entrance Examinations for admission in (a) Engineering (eg. IIT-JEE), (b) Medical (eg. NEET), (c) Professional courses like Management (eg. CAT) and Law (eg. CLAT).
- Parental income: Should not exceed Rs.8.00 lakh per annum.

➤ **Extent of Assistance:**

- The actual course fee of the institute, or the prescribed course fee by the Department, as per guidelines of the scheme, whichever is less, shall be payable on reimbursement basis through DBT mode.
- Monthly stipend and special allowance will be released to the student through DBT mode in one installment after completion of coaching period, and after appearing for the exam for which coaching has been taken, as per following rates:

Sl.No.	Particulars	Stipend	Special allowance
1	Local Candidate	2500/-	2000/-
2	Out station candidate	5000/-	2000/-

Mode-II: Proposed, under which Students will have the flexibility to pursue coaching from the Institute of his/her choice.

- **Budget Allocation and performance of the Scheme during the last three years**

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Allocation	Fund Release	No of beneficiaries
2019-20	125.00	95.75	42972
2020-21	125.00	97.37	26067
2021-22	125.00	120.25	42131

- **Financial and Physical achievements and other major achievements of scholarship scheme:**

- Scheme wise and year wise Financial and Physical achievements (in last 8 years to till date):

(Amount in crore)

S.No.	Scheme	Years	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
1	Pre-matric	Amount	0	1.60	5.52	9.07	6.50	24.57	9.82	12.35	69.43
		Beneficiaries	0	2368	7927	12593	6767	22218	12488	12592	76953
2	Post-matric	Amount	0	3.21	9.82	14.92	56.39	64.98	47.29	83.12	279.73
		Beneficiaries	0	3565	6281	7657	22953	19978	12573	28347	101354
3	Top Class Education	Amount	0	0.24	0.86	0.67	1.06	3.02	4.50	5.04	15.39
		Beneficiaries	0	14	42	37	78	239	453	519	1382
4	National Overseas	Amount	0	0	0.38	0.70	1.08	1.02	1.23	2.39	6.79
		Beneficiaries	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	4	11
5	National Fellowships	Amount	13.25	19.97	19.26	30.24	19.86	20.98	28.69	29.27	181.60
		Beneficiaries	306	527	589	666	566	537	551	669	4426
6	Free Coaching	Amount	0	0	0	0.87	1.38	0.00	0.23	0.00	2.49
		Beneficiaries	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	250
Total		Amount	13.25	25.02	35.83	56.47	86.27	114.57	91.77	132.17	555.35
		Beneficiaries	306	6474	14841	21204	30366	42972	26067	42131	184361

- Financial and Physical achievements and other major achievements of scholarship scheme from July, 2021 to till date:

Amount (in crore)	113.99
Beneficiaries	34848



(iii). Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) / District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC):

➤ **Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):**

- **Details of Achievements under the Scheme** achieved during the last seven years: Grant-in-Aid for Rs. **561.00 cr.** has been released to **4015** projects under DDRS benefitting **283302** beneficiaries.
- **Scheme was revised from 1st April, 2018 and the cost norms of the scheme were enhanced by 2.5 times** to cover the cost of assistive devices, rehabilitative services, education and boarding and lodging in the special schools.
- There are 456 Projects supported by DDRS running in 27 States/UTs and 348 districts.

Year	Financial Achievement	Physical Achievement	
		No. of NGOs assisted	No. of beneficiaries
2014-15	50.08	640	36159
2015-16	50.19	587	35461
2016-17	45.00	592	34431
2017-18	60.00	563	35729
2018-19	70.00	543	41803
2019-20	101.66	432	38004
2020-21	83.18	340	31542
2021-22	100.89	318	30173
Total	561.00	4015	283302

- **Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):** Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme 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. The Scheme is being implemented since 1999 with the objective of ensuring effective implementation of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- The Grant-in-aid is provided to Implementing agencies (IAs) which are registered with NGO-Darpan and have obtained unique ID of NITI Aayog. The Grant-in-Aid (GIA) is provided through e-Anudaan portal of the Department. All financial assistance is provided to the

Implementing agencies through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and the implementing agencies have to show their expenditure through Expenditure Advance Transfer (EAT) Module.

- There are **09 model projects** under DDRS are as follow:
 - Projects for **Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training**
 - Special Schools for Intellectual Disability, Visually Disability and Hearing & Speech Disability
 - Project for Children with Cerebral Palsy
 - Project for Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Persons (LCPs)
 - Half Way Home for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Treated and Controlled Mentally ill Persons
 - **Home Based Rehabilitation Programme/Home Management Programme**
 - **Community Based Rehabilitation**
 - **Low Vision Centre** and
 - Projects for **Human Resource Development**.
- **Activities/components admissible for grant under DDRS include:**

Recurring: Honorarium to staff, Transportation of beneficiaries, Stipend for beneficiaries/hostel maintenance, Cost of raw materials, and Contingencies to meet office expenses, electricity & water charges, rent.

 - **Honorarium** is provided to teaching staff, part time rehabilitation professionals, non teaching staff etc.
 - **Transport allowance** is provided for transportation of beneficiaries from Rs. 625 to 1000 per month as per A, B, and C cities.
 - **Stipend** of Rs. 500 per month is provided to beneficiaries for mid day meal.
 - **Hostel maintenance** of Rs. 2125 is provided to residential beneficiaries.
 - **Contingency** of Rs. 4000 per beneficiary per annum is provided for office expenses.
 - **Non Recurring:** Furniture, Equipments, Books etc.
- **Eligibility conditions for Grants under DDRS are as follows:**

Organizations registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), or any relevant Act of the State/Union Territory; **or**, A Trust registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 or any other similar Act for the time being in force; **or**, A Not-for-Profit company registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 or any relevant Act for the time being in force.

 - **registration should have been in force for at least 2 years at the time of applying for grant under this scheme**
 - **must be registered in the NITI Aayog portal (NGO-Darpan) portal and obtain Unique ID of NGO-Darpan before applying for Grant under the scheme.**



- **Must be registered either under erstwhile Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 or Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.**
- **An organization specified in Para 5(a) above should have the following characteristics:**
 - i. It should have a managing body with its powers, duties and responsibilities clearly defined and laid down in Memorandum of Association.
 - ii. It should have resources, facilities and experience for undertaking the programme.
 - iii. It should not be run for profit to any individual or a body of individuals.

➤ **Details of financial and physical achievements in the last four years 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	83.18	340	31542
2021-22	125.00	105.00	100.89	318	30173

- **Achievements under the DDRS during the last 08 years and current year (upto 31.05.2022) is as under:**
- Since 2014-15, Grant-in-Aid for Rs. 508.34 cr. has been released to 3954 projects under DDRS benefitting 273129 beneficiaries.
 - Since July 2021, Grant-in-Aid for Rs. 87.07 cr. has been released to 267 projects under DDRS benefitting 27293 beneficiaries.
 - Rehabilitation Services, Education and Vocational Skills are given to fully integrate PwDs into the society.
 - To avoid any hardships and to minimize dropouts, transportation charges and stipend for beneficiaries/hostel facilities are provided.
 - The Scheme has enlarged the scope of vocational and professional opportunities, income generation and gainful occupations of PwDs.
 - The outreaches of 09 model projects run under the scheme cover both urban and rural areas of the country. Currently, it covers 27 states and 348 districts.
 - Availability of appropriate homes and hostel facilities are supported and facilitated for PwDs so that far off areas PwDs can also avail benefits.
 - The projects run under the Scheme provide employment to about 4000 rehabilitation professionals/special educators/non-technical man power, support staff etc.

- DDRS scheme is under revision in the light of RPwD, Act, 2016 by which no. of disabilities have been increased from 7 to 21. Existing scheme covers only 7 disabilities as defined in the previous PwD, Act, 1995. Major Highlight of the scheme under revision proposed to be implemented w.e.f. 01.04.2022 is as follows: - (i) Model projects have been conceptualized to cover all 21 disabilities as per RPwD, Act, 2016. (ii) Provision of Home Based Rehabilitation (HBR) and Community Based Rehabilitation have been kept in all projects (iii) Maximum age limit of the beneficiaries of ID/CP etc has been increased from 18 to 23 years (iv) New Project for Preparatory/remediation centre for children with specific learning disabilities to continue inclusive education has been kept (v) Another New project Cross- Disability Therapy and Counselling Centre has been provisioned for all type of disabilities (vi) Pre-school and Early Intervention Centre (MR & HI segment) has been replaced with Cross Disability Pre School and Early Intervention Centre.

➤ **Details of new schemes launched, merged, modified, changed during last 8 years and extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic,**

- Scheme was revised in 2017-18 and implemented w.e.f. 1st April, 2018. Revised guidelines of scheme are available on the Department's website www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in to all PIAs. The highlights of revised scheme, as compared to the earlier scheme are as under:-
 - (i) The list of model projects under revised DDRS has been reduced from 18 to 9.
 - (ii) The cost norms in respect of all components of the scheme have been enhanced by 2.5 times.
 - (iii) There is no tapering of Grant-in-Aid now as compared to 5% reduction in alternate year upto 75% on earlier scheme.
 - (iv) Put no bar on increase of number of beneficiaries enrolled to the organization.
 - Currently, DDRS Scheme is under review as part of the EFC for the 15th finance commission. Revised guidelines will be available and effective from 01.04.2022.
 - During the period of country wide lockdown to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, almost all the projects under DDRS were closed for a certain period. However, they were supported by release of Grant-in-aid to ensure rehabilitation services to the beneficiaries.
- **District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC):** DDRC Scheme is a sub component under the DDRS scheme from 2019-20. Before that it was under SIPDA. **DDRC is being implemented since 1999-2000.** DDRCs are established for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). 325 districts were initially identified for establishing DDRCs, out of which, DDRCs were set up in 269 districts. About **55-60 DDRCs are functional.**



- **Main functions of DDRCs are:** Early Identification and Intervention, awareness generation, assessment of need/provision/fitment of assistive devices, therapeutic services e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc., referral and arrangement of surgical correction, assistance in providing scholarships, skill training, arrangement of loans for self employment, survey & identification of persons with disabilities through camp approach, assisting in the issue of UDID Cards, and to act as outreach centres for the services provided by the National Institutes and for promoting barrier free environment.
- **Status of DDRC**
 - Number of districts approved for setting up of DDRC – one DDRC in every district of the Country
 - Number of DDRC set up – 269
 - Number of DDRC functioning and getting regular grant:- 55-60
- **Grant-in-aid released during the last four years under DDRC is as under:-**

Year	No. of DDRC	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2018-19	45	5.26
2019-20	22	3.17
2020-21	28	5.75
2021-22	24	5.56

- **Financial and physical achievements and other major achievements:**
 - Since 2014-15, Grant-in-aid for Rs. 28.52 Cr. has been released to 281 DDRCs; including 6 new DDRCs have been setup.
 - Since July 2021, Grant-in-aid for Rs. 5.56 Cr. has been released to 24 DDRCs.
 - Providing services for 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.
 - Facilitating therapeutic Services eg. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy etc.
 - Facilitation of Disability certificates, UDID cards, Bus passes and other concessions and facilities for persons with disabilities.
 - Employment generation through engagement of rehabilitation professionals/ technical and non technical manpower.

- According to revised guidelines which shall be effective from 01.04.2022, DDRCs should preferably be located in close proximity to District Hospital/Medical Colleges/District Early Intervention Centers.
 - Quality Professionals can now be appointed on consultation basis (part time) or full time. This will assist enhancing availability of professionals as per requirements within the grants constraints.
 - Ministry is in the process of preparing model DDRCs features for assisting States/UTs in setting up and running DDRCs effectively.
 - From 09.12.2020, all districts of the country have been authorized for setting up of DDRC.
- **Details of new schemes launched, merged, modified, changed during last 8 years and extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic,**
- 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.
- **District Disability Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRC), East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh**
Implementing Agency: Uma Educational & Technical Society, Kakinada, under the aegis of, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi
- **CASE STUDY OF Mr. Geddada Sattibabu PERSON WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY**



Mr. Geddada Sattibabu aged 36 years hailed from Pasalapadu Village of Rayavaram Mandal of East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. He is from middle class family and at the age of 15 years he started doing farming and supporting the family.



On 9th May 2017 while he was arranging lighting in front of Goddess Durga temple, unfortunately he fell down and he landed on big stone, as a result he had suffered with spinal cord injury. They have facing lot of troubles for leading his family and his mobility.

- ❖ During the survey and identification camp our DDRC Staff was identified and refer to Medical Board for SADERAM Disability Certificate. After getting Disability certificate we have applied social security pension to Government of Andhra Pradesh. After few months he got social security pension of Rs. 5000/- per month from Government of Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ Also providing Physiotherapy with DDRC Physiotherapist at their home and providing some techniques to his family members. Also we have providing a customized Tricycle cum Wheel Chair for his mobility.
- ❖ During Covid-19 Pandemic we are also provided Dry Ration Kits to his family worth of Rs. 2000/- in pashed manner five times.
- ❖ After due course of the time we have also provided financial Support of Rs. 18000/-for his livelihood. He is started a started a small petty shop at his home. Now he is also one of the contributory member of his family and earn Rs. 500/- per day. Now his children also going to school and his wife also supported with him for maintaining of Shop. The community and other surrounding persons are also appreciated and support him. He is expressed happiness and his sincere gratitude to DDRC, East Godaavari as well as Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment Govt. of India, New Delhi for supporting for his Rehabilitation.



(iv). **SCHEMES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 2016 (SIPDA):** The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has been implementing a **Central Sector Scheme**, the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (**SIPDA**) for providing financial assistance for undertaking various activities outlined in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. The Ministry has been releasing funds under the Scheme since 1999 according to the procedure/guidelines approved by the Ministry on an annual basis. A formal Scheme was notified by the Ministry on 28.01.2016. Subsequently, a formal Scheme was formulated by the Ministry on 28.01.2016. SIPDA is now run as an umbrella scheme for implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. It comprised various 13 sub-schemes till F.Y.2020-21 as under:

- 1) Creation of Barrier Free Environment
- 2) Accessible India Campaign (AIC)
- 3) National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs
- 4) Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Project
- 5) Awareness Generation and Publicity (AGP)
- 6) Financial support to Study and Research on priority areas of disability sector and to Research & Development of suitable product, aids & appliances for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- 7) In-service Training and Sensitization of key functionaries of Central & State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Providers
- 8) Incentive Scheme for providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the Private Sector
- 9) Financial Assistance for existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the country
- 10) Information and Mass Education (Media)
- 11) Scheme for setting up State Spinal Injury Centre (SSIC)
- 12) Central Sector Scheme of Support for establishment / modernization / capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses and
- 13) Scheme for Assistance to Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC)

SIPDA scheme has been revised and agreed by EFC meeting dated 11.08.2021 with the following 10 sub schemes which are now part of the umbrella SIPDA scheme for period FY 2021-22 to 2025-26:

- 1) Creation of Barrier Free Environment
- 2) Accessible India Campaign (AIC)
- 3) National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs with Incentive Scheme for providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the Private Sector
- 4) Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Project



- 5) Awareness Generation and Publicity (AGP) with In-service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central & State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Providers
- 6) Financial support to Study and Research on priority areas of disability sector and to Research & Development of suitable product, aids & appliances for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- 7) Assistance to Spinal Injury Centers, new name after merger of State Spinal Injury Centre (SSIC) and Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC) sub-schemes.
- 8) Cross Disability Early Intervention Centre
- 9) Sub-scheme as 'Projects under SIPDA':
 - (a) Braille Press scheme has been continued as a project through NIEPVD, Dehradun.
 - (b) Financial Assistance to existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the country has been continued as a project through AYJNISHD Mumbai.
- 10) Central Project Monitoring Unit (CPMU) cum Data Strategy Unit (DSU).

a. Creation of barrier free environment for the Persons with Disabilities: Creation of Barrier Free Environment is a sub-component/sub-scheme of the umbrella SIPDA scheme. Under the scheme funds are being released to States/UTs across the country mainly for Creation of Barrier Free Environment in existing Govt. buildings through construction of lifts, ramps, railing, accessible toilets, tactile tiles and accessible websites, etc. for the convenience of Persons with disabilities.

Financial achievements of SIPDA scheme of last 8 years to till date along with budget allocation is given as under:

Year's	Budget Estimates (BE)	Revised Estimates (RE)	(Rs. in crore)	Achievement	
			Expenditure	% of expenditure on BE	% of expenditure on RE
2014-15	80.00	61.41	43.09	54%	70%
2015-16	135.00	99.00	69.42	51%	70%
2016-17	193.00	193.00	186.83	97%	97%
2017-18	207.00	257.00	272.23	132%	106%
2018-19	300.00	258.30	260.82	87%	101%
2019-20	315.00	260.00	217.34	69%	84%
2020-21	251.50	122.89	103.43	41%	84%
2021-22	209.77	147.31	108.44	52%	74%
2022-23 (till date 09.06.2022)	240.39	-	0.62	0.26%	-

Note: RE for 2022-23 has not yet been decided.

- (i) Financial achievements from July 2021 to till date : Rs.103.81 crore
- (ii) Physical Achievements under Creation of Barrier Free Environment of SIPDA for 8 year to till date as under:

Year	Buildings of State Govt.	Buildings of Autonomous organizations/National Institutes/Central or State Universities
2014-15	91	2
2015-16	21	29
2016-17	31	13
2017-18	274	2
2018-19	315	28
2019-20	19	6
2020-21	101	1
2021-22	21	9

- **Details of new schemes launched, merged, modified, changed during last 8 years and extraordinary achievements done during the COVID-19 pandemic:** SIPDA scheme has been approved for continuation for next five years i.e. from FY.2021-22 to 2025-26 by Hon'ble Finance Minister in line with the recommendation of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) minutes of meeting held on 11.08.2021 vide DoE-MoF OM dated 08.09.2021. The SIPDA scheme has been revised and agreed by EFC meeting dated 11.08.2021 according to which the sub components have been merged, deleted, added and a total of 10 sub schemes are now part of the umbrella SIPDA scheme for period FY 2021-22 to 2025-26.

b. Accelerating Accessibility: Accessible India Campaign (AIC):

The Accessible India Campaign (AIC) is a national flagship Campaign launched on 3rd of December 2015, with the vision of creating a barrier free environment for safe, independent and dignified living of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The Campaign is being implemented across the three verticals, namely the Built Up Environment, the Transportation Sector and the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) ecosystem.

The achievements of AIC across sectors have been detailed below:

- 1) Built-Up Environment** – Under Target of conducting accessibility audit of 25-50 most important government buildings and converting them into fully accessible in 50 cities, access audit of 1671 buildings have been done and funds amounting to Rs.553.59 crores have been released for



1314 buildings. A total of 1607 Central and State/UT Government buildings have been provided with features of accessibility, which include 577 buildings of State/UT Governments and 1030 Central Government buildings retrofitted by CPWD.

II) Transportation Sector –

- a. 35 International Airports and 55 Domestic Airports have been provided with features of accessibility (ramps toilet & lifts).
- b. All 709 A1, A & B category railway stations have been provided with seven Short Term Facilities (Ramps, Toilets, Lifts, Helpdesks, Parking, Non-Slippery Walkways, and Drinking Water Facilities).
- c. Out of 1,46,559 buses, 42,785 (29.19%) buses are partially accessible and 8,443(5.76%)buses are fully accessible. Out of 3541 bus station, 3113 are made accessible in respected to 24 States/UTs.

III) ICT Ecosystem (Websites) –

- a. Out of 803 identified government websites, 607 identified websites of States/UTs have already been made accessible and 459 made live as well as 95 websites of Central Government have also been made accessible.
- b. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has published the Accessibility Standards for Accessible TV Viewing for Persons with Hearing impairment. However, similar standards also need to be formulated for other types of disabilities, including visual impairment.
- c. Accessibility in TV viewing is also being ensured in a phased manner with 19 news channels having telecasted 2447 accessible news bulletin and in General Entertainment Category (GEC), 17 channels have telecast 3686 accessible scheduled programs/movies.

IV) Other Sectors –

- a. **Education** – As reported by Department of School Education & Literacy, to ensure barrier free access for Children with Disabilities in government and government aided schools, 8,33,703 out of 11,68,292 (71%) schools have been made barrier free with the provision of ramps, handrails and accessible toilets. Department of Higher Education and UGC have been sensitized to make higher educational institutions accessible.
- b. **Institutional Literacy Material** – 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. The 2nd Volume on Airports was launched on 19th November 2021.** 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.

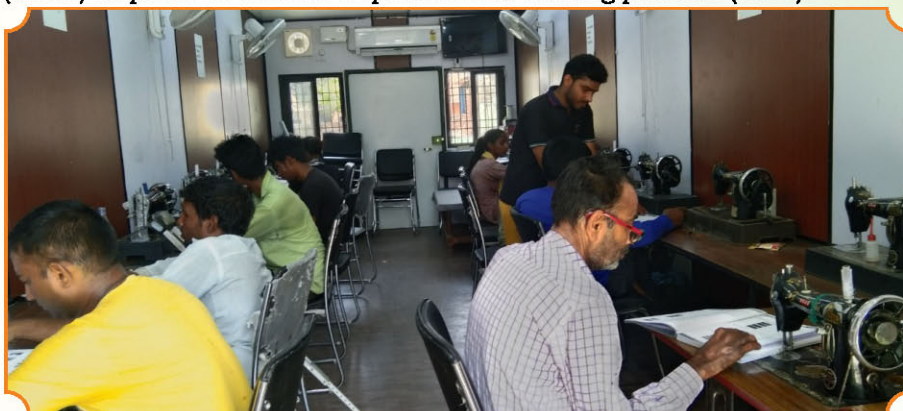
- c. **Sugamya Bharat App** – On 2nd March 2021, as per the directions of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Sugamya Bharat APP — a Crowdsourcing Mobile Application was launched by HMSJE. This user-friendly and accessible App enables anyone, anywhere, anytime to bring to notice accessibility-related issues being faced by them while using public centric infrastructure, facilities and services which require redressal.
 - d. **Management Information System (MIS) Portal for AIC** – An MIS portal for real time online monitoring of the targets of the Campaign was launched in September 2019. All stakeholders of the Campaign, including Ministries/Departments as well as States/UTs, report the progress of work being achieved on ground on a regular basis along with photographs and other necessary documents. To further improve the efficiency and increase the outreach of the Portal such that all Ministries/Departments (those even outside the initial AIC targets) provide data for public consumption, the development of another improved version is being done for which the RFP is under process.
- **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 which has to be sent to DEPwD by June 2021 so that the same may be notified by December 2021 under the RPwD Rules, 2017. This work has been initiated and is being followed up by DEPwD through regular letters, video conferences and Ministry/Department specific discussions. So far, Accessibility Guidelines of 7 Ministries/Departments (MoHUA, MoConsumer Affairs and MeitY, MoRailways, MoCivil Aviation, MoCulture and MoEducation) have been submitted to the Department for notification under the RPwD Rules 2017. 6 Ministries/Department have completed the CCPD consultation and are in the process of finalization of the guidelines.
 - **Since 2016-17 1,314 buildings have been made barrier free through support from the Department under Accessible India Campaign with the release of Rs 553.59 crores.**
 - **From July, 2021 to 30.05.2022, 131 No. of Buildings have been funded with amount of 69.32 crore.**

c. National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities:

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements "National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities" which was launched in March, 2015. NAP is



implemented under the umbrella scheme – “Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA)”. Under NAP, skill training is provided to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through a network of Government (GOs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) empanelled with the Department as training partners (ETPs).



Skill Training is provided for empowering PwDs

➤ **Objectives of the Scheme:**

- Provide skill training to persons with disabilities (PwDs) for enabling them to become self-reliant and productive members of the society in order to achieve gainful wage/self-employment and integrate them with the mainstream of the society.

➤ **Eligibility of Beneficiaries:**

- Any citizen of India with not less than 40 % disability and not have undergone any other skill training course sponsored by Govt. of India during the period of two years to the last day of receipt of application for the course applied for.
- Age of the applicant should be not less than 15 years and not more than 59 years on the last date of receipt of application for the course.
- Applicant should not have undergone any other skill training course sponsored by Govt. of India during the period of two.

➤ **Implementing Agencies**

- Government as well as non-government organisations empanelled as training partners with the Department (ETPs).
- National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres.

➤ **Empanelment of training partners:**

- The Organizations are required to apply online in prescribed proforma of “Expression of Interest” in MIS Portal of the Department i.e. depwdskill-nap.gov.in
- Organizations found suitable by the Selection Committee constituted in the Department are empanelled as “Training partners” for a period of three years for organizing training programs for PwDs.

➤ **Funding Norms**

Funds in lieu of Skill training of PwDs are released to ETPs as per Common Norms guidelines issued and amended from time to time by M/o Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). At present, funds are provided to ETPs in 03 installments in the following manner:

Installment	% of grant	Milestone
1 st installment	30%	On commencement of training
2 nd installment	40%	On completion of assessment and certification
3 rd installment	30%	On placement of candidates as per guidelines

While training cost is provided directly to ETPs, the trainees are provided an amount of Rs.5000/- for purchasing any assistive device and Conveyance allowance of Rs.1000 per month (within district) and Rs. 1500 per month (outside of District) through DBT.

➤ **Trades/courses taken up for skill training**

As per guidelines, training is provided only in the trades/ courses aligned with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSAQ) and approved by National Council for Vocational Education and Training under MSDE.

- **Financial and Physical achievements and other major achievements of the Scheme:** Release of funds under NAP started from the year 2016-17 as 2015-16 was dedicated for empanelment of training partners. So far Rs. 129.69 crore has been spent under NAP for imparting skill training to 1,30,189 PwDs.

d. Disability certification made easy: Unique Disability Identity ID:

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities implements the Unique Disability Identification UDID Project with a view to creating a national data base of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and also to issue Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards to them. The



application software of the database provides an online platform for issuance of disability certificates and thus enables online verification of authenticity of disability certificates issued by any authority in India. It would also help in implementing schemes/programmes meant for PwDs in an effective manner. UDID project has been linked to DigiLocker enabling PwDs to download their certificate of disability and UDID card any time and keep the same in safe custody.

- The Central Government is providing financial assistance to the States/UTs for implementation of UDID project for the following purposes:-

A. Support for Publicity and awareness :-

- Rs. 2.50 Lakhs for each district having >20 Lakhs Population
- Rs. 2.00 Lakhs for each district having 10 lakhs > Populations <20 Lakhs
- Rs. 1.50 Lakhs for each district having <10 Lakhs Population

B. Support towards IT Infrastructure:- An amount upto Rs 1 Lakh per district for the procurement of the following:

- Computer Desktop (1 no.)
- Biometric single finger scanner for Aadhaar Authentication (4 nos.)
- Ordinary Printer with Scanner (1 no.)
- Web Camera (1 no.)

C. Manpower Support :- Amount of Rs. 50,000 Per month for the appointment of the State Coordinator

D. Digitization of manual certificate :- An amount of Rs. 3.61 per certificate for digitization of manual certificate into UDID portal

- UDID envisages following steps for issuance of certificate of disability/UDID card:
- Registration on the UDID portal (www.swavalambancard.gov.in) and applying online for Disability Certificate/UDID Card and also for renewal. One can also apply offline at the office of medical authorities or at District social justice/social welfare offices, which in turn translate the application into online mode.
- Verification of application by the office of Chief District Medical Officer/CMO/Civil Surgeon, as the case may be, as designated by the States/UTs.
- Disability Assessment by concerned specialist as per the guidelines issued by DEPwD.
- Consideration of assessment of specialist by the medical authority and grant of disability Certificate by competent district medical authority

- Once approved the medical authority, data is transferred to Print Agency and subsequently UDID Card is printed and dispatched to the PwD by printing agency through ordinary post.
- 74.59 Lakhs e-UDID cards have been generated in 716 out of 740 districts in all States/UTs as on 14.06.2022 since its inception in the year 2016-17.
- State-wise status of generation e-UDID card:

Status of UDID Project as on 14.06.2022		
S.No.	States/UTs	Generated UDID cards
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	5,019
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	11,11,701
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2,245
4	ASSAM	1,29,508
5	BIHAR	2,44,094
6	CHANDIGARH	6,360
7	CHHATTISGARH	2,11,243
8	DADRA NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	2,499
9	DELHI	21,957
10	GOA	4,495
11	GUJARAT	3,03,548
12	HARYANA	69,391
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	64,077
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	52,605
15	JHARKHAND	1,01,802
16	KARNATAKA	4,82,287
17	KERALA	1,72,274
18	LADAKH	2,442
19	LAKSHADWEEP	912
20	MADHYA PRADESH	7,17,472
21	MAHARASHTRA	7,31,769
22	MANIPUR	5,976
23	MEGHALAYA	25,664
24	MIZORAM	3,647
25	NAGALAND	1,684
26	ODISHA	4,44,213
27	PUDUCHERRY	18,561
28	PUNJAB	2,67,767
29	RAJASTHAN	4,22,849
30	SIKKIM	3,669
31	TAMIL NADU	5,06,778



32	TELANGANA	4,76,094
33	TRIPURA	25,486
34	UTTAR PRADESH	7,80,553
35	UTTARAKHAND	38,151
36	WEST BENGAL	9
TOTAL		74,58,801

e. Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme (AG&P SCHEME):

The AGP scheme has been proposed to be continued and merged with In-Service Training Scheme of the Dept. which is related to Sensitization of key functionaries of Central and State Government, Local Bodies and other Service Providers.

Objectives of the scheme:

The Department is implementing "Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme" as one of the component under SIPDA Scheme. The main objective of the scheme is creation of awareness about the schemes and programmes of the Government for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to train and sensitize key functionaries of the Central/State Government/Local Bodies and other service providers on a regular basis on disability related matters through State/District/Block level workshops with the aim to raise awareness among employees and peer groups about capabilities of PwDs.

- The 5 components admissible under the Scheme for financial assistance includes:-
 - Content Development and Publications
 - Events
 - Voluntary Service/Outreach Programmes for sensitizing Commercial Establishment and employers.
 - Recreation and Tourism
 - To train and sensitize key functionaries of the Central and State Government and local bodies and other service providers on a regular basis on disability related matters. Rehabilitation Council of Indian (RCI) will be the nodal agency.
- **Organisations eligible for Grant:**
 - Self-help groups;
 - Advocacy and self-advocacy organisations;
 - Parents & Community Organisations;
 - Psychological and emotional support service;
 - Community based rehabilitation organisations;

- Organisations working in the field of disability sector; and
- Organisations under administrative control of Central/State Government including Departments, Universities, Colleges etc.

- **Screening Committee constituted for Financial Assistance:**
Screening Committee chaired by the Joint Secretary consisting of the following recommends the proposal:

Officer	Role
DDG/Joint Secretary (AGP)	Chairman
Dir/DS (IFD)	Member
Representative of DAVP	Member
A special invitee from amongst PwDs / representative groups / organizations working in the field of disability. Or Two members/experts in Training of Trainers for modules of PwDs related issues.	Member
Member Secretary RCI	Member
Director (IPH)	Member
Director / DS (AGP)	Member Secretary

- **Major changes made in the guidelines of Revised Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme and Service Training Scheme:**

- Out of the existing 8 components of awareness generation and publicity scheme, 4 components related to media have been removed so that their repetition/duplication can be prevented.
- At the time of merger of service training scheme in awareness generation and publicity scheme, the fifth component “training and sensitizing key officials of central and state government, local bodies and other service providers on disability related matters” has been added.
- In order to make the fifth component under the service training scheme more effective in the awareness generation and publicity scheme, a provision of virtual training mode has been made for in-service training.
- Another module related to engineering has also been added under the service training scheme.
- The proposed cost of Rs.6500/- per unit under the service training scheme has been limited to Rs.4800/- per unit cost as per IFD.



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Two day workshop on RPWD Act 2016

➤ **Financial and Physical achievements and other major achievements of the Scheme in the last 8 years:**

Financial Year	Achievements	
	Financial	Physical (No. of events/ programmes)
2014-2015	0.71	17
2015-2016	2.62	44
2016-2017	2.67	24
2017-2018	1.74	28
2018-2019	1.15	15
2019-2020	2.12	17
2020-2021	1.17	11
2021-2022	2.24	11

➤ **Financial achievements from July 2021 to till date:**

Period	Achievements	
	Financial	Physical
July, 2021 to till date	2.24 cr	05



Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai organized a sensitization workshop on 4th -5th March, 2022 at Tent City, Kevadia, Gujarat



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➤ **The major achievements under the AGP Scheme:**

Financial Year	Special Achievements	State
2015-16	Production and telecast of five episodes featuring important segments of disability sector and success of the Department including National Abilympics on Doordarshan National for the Show Hunnarbazi Mission Skill India!	---
	Organization of one day seminar on accessibility by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad.	Gujarat
2016-17	Motorcycle Rally on 'Ride 4 an Accessible India' at India Gate, Lodhi Garden, Vasant Kunj and South Extension in which more than 600 motor bike riders and 6000 youth/students participated.	Delhi
	Awareness workshop on Accessibility for future professionals by School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal	Delhi
2017-2018	The Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot felicitated the 17 member Blind Cricket World Cup winning Indian Team and presented them with a cash award of Rs.34 Lakhs at a function in New Delhi on 21.2.2018. The Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Ramdas Athawale and senior officers of the Ministry were present on the occasion. Indian Blind Cricket Team won the Blind Cricket World Cup beating the Pakistan Team in Sharjah, UAE on 20th January, 2018. The Blind Cricket Team has set an example by overcoming their disability and have excelled in a sport which is challenging physically.	Delhi
2019-2020	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) has organized a cultural event titled "Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disabilities" held on 23.7.2019 at Balyogi Auditorium, Parliament House in the presence of Hon'ble President of India, Prime Minister of India, Vice President, Speaker of Lok Sabha and Members of both the Houses of Parliament. Approx. 150-200 Divyangjan of different categories of disability representing various States/ UTs all over the Country participated in various activities such as dancing, singing, music etc. and showcased their talents and abilities despite their disabilities.	Delhi
2020-21	National handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) New Delhi organize an 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 Ngr. Arunachal Pradesh from 4th March, 2021 to 5th March, 2021 under AGP Scheme.	Delhi
2021-2022	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 Bhounik and Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Hon'ble	Uttarakhand

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.	
Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) has organized a program to felicitate the winners of the Tokyo Paralympics held at Tokyo, Japan on 10th September, 2021 wherein they 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 Bhounmik and other dignitaries. Keeping in mind the Covid Protocol, the felicitation programme was organized in the Convention Hall, The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	New Delhi
The Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai organized a sensitization workshop on 4th -5th March, 2022 at Tent City, Kevadia, Gujarat on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, functioning of CCPD, various schemes being implemented by the Department alongwith best practices adopted by the various State Governments.	Gujarat



f. Project for Financial Assistance for the existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the Country (one college each in a zone) (Deaf College Project):

- The scheme was started from 2015-16 with and the revised modification on 29.12.2017 for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- The scheme envisages financial assistance to deaf colleges affiliated to the UGC approved State/Central/UT administered colleges in each of the following five regions of the country: Rural Development and Management college for the Deaf in North Zone of India, College for Deaf in West Zone, College for deaf in South Zone, College for Deaf Central Zone, College for Deaf in East Zone.

Financial Year/Period	Financial Achievement(Funds released in Rs. Crores)	Physical Achievement(No. of Deaf Colleges supported)
2014-15*	0	0
2015-16*	0	0
2016-17	0.81	1
2017-18	0.69	0^
2018-19	1.5	1
2019-20	0	0
2020-21	0	0
2021-22	0	0
July 21 till 01.06.2022	0	0
*The scheme component took off from 2016-17; ^Deaf College counted already		

The scheme is proposed to be continued with modifications - Project for Financial Assistance for the existing Deaf Colleges in five regions of the Country (one college each in a zone) with other major changes as under:

- The scheme to be run in a Project under SIPDA
- Release of recurring costs only in respect of 2 Colleges in respect of which recurring expenditure has already been disbursed) for a period of 2 years and only if the same is sought
- Release of only non-recurring costs in terms of the 3 colleges yet to be established
- Nodal agency in this regard to be Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities(AJYNISHD)

g. Scheme for Financial Assistance to Spinal Injuries Centre (ASIC Scheme):

➤ **Component 1: Assistance to Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC), New Delhi:**



- The Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC), Delhi was established vide Union Cabinet decisions dated 28.03.1989 and its amendment dated 15.12.1997 for providing indoor treatment to spinal cord injured poor patients.
- The Indian Spinal Injury Centre (ISIC) is a joint venture of Government of Italy and Government of India through an Italian NGO Italian - Association for Solidarity among People (AISPO) and the India Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC).
- It provides comprehensive rehabilitation management services to patients with spinal cord injuries and related ailments. The grant was disbursed on the basis of above Cabinet decisions till 2016-17. The formal scheme of ISIC was formulated w.e.f. 31.12.2018.
- As per the scheme, the Government supports the ISIC to provide 25 free-beds daily for treatment of poor patients. In addition, the ISIC Centre to provide 5 free-beds to poor spinal injured patients.

Financial Year/Period	Financial Achievement (Funds released in Rs. Crores)	Physical Achievement (No. of beneficiaries)
2014-15	1.80	169



2015-16	2.00	208
2016-17	1.99	131
2017-18	0.00	0
2018-19	0.00	0
2019-20	0.00	0
2020-21	3.99	169
2021-22	2.52	83
July 21 till 01.06.2022	2.52	83

The ISIC Scheme is proposed to be merged with some modifications as a component of the Scheme for Financial Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres (ASIC) as under:

- Additional Documentary evidence requirements
- Review of the scheme for “Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres” after 2 years based on which future projections/targets shall be formulated accordingly.

➤ **Component 2: Setting up of State Spinal Injury Centres (SSIC):**

- Central Sector Scheme of Setting up of State Spinal Injury Center (SSIC) is being implemented since 2015-16.
- The Scheme envisages setting up of comprehensive rehabilitation centers attached to the government hospital of all the state capitals/Union territories. Dedicated 12 beds for treatment, rehabilitation and management of spinal injuries in respect of persons belonging to economically weaker sections.

Financial Year/Period	Financial Achievement(Funds released in Rs. Crores)	Physical Achievement(No. of SSIC Centres established)
2014-15*	0	0
2015-16	0.5	1
2016-17	5	2
2017-18	5	2
2018-19	2.82	1
2019-20	0	0
2020-21	0.31	0*
2021-22	0	0
July 21 till 01.06.2022	0	0

***The scheme component took off from 2015; ^SSIC counted already;**

The SSIC Scheme is proposed to be merged with some modifications as a component of the Scheme for Financial Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres (ASIC) as under:

- No new SSICs to be established and recurring support to be provided to 6 identified SSICs
- Non recurring support only to SSICs which are yet to be fully established
- Review of the scheme for “Assistance to Spinal Injury Centres” after 2 years based on which future projections/targets shall be formulated accordingly.

h. Research on Disability related Technology, Product and Issues:

- **Financial and Physical achievement under Research & Development sub scheme from 2014-15 to till date:**

Year	Physical Achievements	*Financial Achievements (Rs. in lakh)
2015-16	5 Projects	Rs. 29.48
2016-17	7 Projects	Rs. 25.92
2017-18	10 Projects	Rs. 37.65
2018-19	5 Projects	Rs. 40.06
2019-20	-	-
2020-21	6 Projects	Rs. 45.34
2021-22	3 Projects	Rs. 15.38
Total	Since the implementation of this scheme total of 16 projects have been approved	Rs. 193.83

*This amount has been released in various installments in respect of projects mentioned in the above table.

“Research on Disability Related Technology, Products and Issues” under SIPDA Scheme (now renamed as Financial Support to Study and Research on Priority Areas of Disability Sector and for Research & Development of Suitable Products, Aids & Appliances for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities).

- Section 25 (2) (a) and (b) of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Act 2016 provides that “the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall take measures and make schemes or programmes to promote healthcare and prevent the occurrence of disabilities and for the said purpose shall:



- Undertake or cause to be undertaken study, investigation and research concerning the cause of occurrence of disabilities;
- Promote various methods for preventing disabilities.

Further, Section 28 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provides that, "the appropriate Government shall initiate or cause to be initiated research and development through individuals and institutions on issues which shall enhance habilitation and rehabilitation and on such other issues which are necessary for the empowerment of Persons with disabilities.

- In line with the above provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 this Department started a scheme of "Research on disability related technology, products and issues " in the year 2015-16 with following two components:

- Research and Development of assistive technology and devices for rehabilitation and education of PwDs.
- Study/survey on issues related to disability sector.

- Since the implementation of this scheme, the financial assistance has been sanctioned to 16 projects with total approved financial support of Rs. 2.73 crore with released of Rs. 1.93 crore. The details of these project is attached at Annexure-I.

- **While considering revision of R&D scheme for next five years, it was decided that R&D sub-scheme may be continued as a sub-scheme under SIPDA as "Financial support to Study and Research on priority areas of disability sector and Research & Development of suitable product, aids & appliance for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities". Following major changes were made under this scheme:**

- (i) The objectives of the Scheme were re-aligned as under keeping in view the provisions under RPwD Act, 2016:-

- 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 habilitation 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.
- (ii) To facilitate smooth and early consideration and decision on the proposals received under the scheme, the meeting of Steering Committee will be held on short intervals to scrutinize, consider and approve the proposals under the scheme. Further, every year the Steering Committee will identify the priority areas/themes for inviting proposal in identified areas / themes during a particular year.
- (iii) A uniform fund release pattern has been adopted wherein funds will be released in three installments of 40%, 40%, and 20%.
- A revised guideline on R&D sub-scheme has been approved by the IFD.

➤ **Operational Arrangements for Implementing the Scheme.**

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will administer the scheme for which there will be following 03 Committees:

- Scrutiny-cum-Technical Committee which will screen, scrutinize and evaluate the project proposals received and shortlist them for placing them before the Steering Committee for financial assistance. The composition of the Scrutiny-cum-Technical Committee will be as follows:

(i)	Joint Secretary, DEPwD	:	Chairman
(ii)	All Directors of NIs	:	Members
(iii)	Rep. of Secretary, DST	:	Member
(iv)	Rep. of Secretary & Dir, ICMR	:	Member
(v)	Rep. of Director, IIT, Delhi	:	Member
(vi)	Rep. of PREM Division, SJ&E	:	Member
(vii)	Director/ Deputy Secretary, DEPwD	:	Member Secretary

- **Experts in the relevant areas of disability could be co opted as members of the Steering Committee by the Chairperson.**
- "In line with the extant guidelines of Ministry of Finance and keeping in view the duration of the meeting and involvement of the time of the non-official members, non-official members will be paid the sitting fee in the range of Rs. 2000/- to Rs.4000/- per day which will not exceed for more than 10 days in a month. Exact amount to be paid in each case will be decided with the approval of Secretary, DEPwD".
- The Steering Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will oversee the operation of the Scheme and will be the final authority for selection of



Proposals/ Projects and granting financial approvals. The composition of the Steering Committee will be as follows:

1.	Secretary, DEPwD	:	Chairperson
2.	Representative of DG, ICMR	:	Member
3.	Representative of Secretary, DST	:	Member
4.	Representative of Secretary, M/o H&FW	:	Member
5.	Representative of Secretary, M/o H&UA	:	Member
6.	Representative of Secretary, M/o SJ&E	:	Member
7.	Representative of Director IIT, Delhi	:	Member
8.	Representative of DG, CSIR	:	Member
9.	JS & FA, DEPwD	:	Member
10.	Joint Secretary, DEPwD	:	Member
11.	CMD, ALIMCO	:	Member
12.	Two Directors of NIs	:	Member (as approved by the Chairperson)
13.	Concerned Dy Secretary/Director, DEPwD	:	Member Secretary

➤ **Experts in the relevant areas of disability could be co opted as members of the Steering Committee by the Chairperson.**

- There shall be Monitoring Committee supported by Experts for handholding, monitoring and evaluation of the Projects sanctioned till the acceptance of the final research Report/Product. **Monitoring will also be assisted by CPMU.** The balance amount will be released only after certification by this Committee. This will ensure independent evaluation and transparency.

➤ **Indicative areas of Research:** Every year in the month of April, the Steering Committee will identify the priority areas/themes for supporting research proposals under the scheme which will be duly advertised in at least three leading Newspapers and also through website of the Department/and its organizations for wider publicity. Proposals can also be invited directly from Research Organization of the Government or may be proposed/sponsored directly by the Ministry itself. This can also be done with Agencies empanelled with the Ministry following relevant provisions of GFRs. However, proposals shall be considered throughout the year.



Prototype of cost-effective sit-to-stand assistive device for paraplegics that will enable them to perform the transition seamlessly and transport them over short distances in the upright position without assistance. This has been developed with the financial assistance provided under Research & Development scheme of the Department.

- i. **Central Sector Scheme for “Support of Establishment / Modernization / Capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses” (Now renamed as Project on Financial Support to Braille Presses):** Central Sector Scheme of "Support for Establishment/ Modernization/Capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses" was started in the year 2014-15 to provide free of cost Braille text books and course material to the visually impaired school going children in India.

➤ **The objective of the scheme are as under:**

- To provide financial support as Recurring Grant-in-Aid to the 'approved and functional Braille presses' for printing and supplying, free of cost, school text books and other approved course materials to visually impaired school going children of classes I to XII across the country.
- To provide financial support as Non-Recurring Grant-in-Aid for setting up of New Braille Presses/Capacity Augmentation/Modernization of existing Braille Presses in States and Small Scale Braille Presses in UTs where Braille Presses do not exist and there is requirement of the same.



- Since implementation of this scheme, financial assistance has been provided to 28 Braille Presses (Establishment of New Braille Presses-13, Modernized Braille Presses-12 and Capacity Augmented of old Braille Presses- 03) with total financial support of Rs. 44.24 crore (non-recurring grants to 28 Braille Presses to the extent of Rs. 33.00 crore and recurring grants of Rs. 11.24 crore to 16 Braille Presses). These Braille Presses are supported for recurring grants for printing and providing free text books and other course materials to the visually impaired school going children of class I to XII across the country.
- Under the Braille Press scheme, 02 of the Braille presses have been merged. Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities (CRC), NIEPVD, Himachal Pradesh have been merged with Central Braille Press, National Institute For The Empowerment Of Persons With Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Raipur, Dehradun, and Social Welfare Department, Government Braille Press, Directorate of Social Welfare, Raipur, Chhattisgarh Braille press have been merged with Social Welfare Department, Government Braille Press, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. At present 26 Braille presses are functional under this scheme.
- The scheme is administered by Screening Committee headed by DDG, DEPwD. Under the Braille Press scheme, the Department does not receive the proposal directly from the organizations/agencies for release of grant-in-aid. The same are routed through National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun which is the Nodal Agency of the scheme.
- Implementing Agencies: State Governments, UT administrations and voluntary organizations running Braille Presses for more than five years or any other establishment designated by the State Governments or UT administration for running a Braille Press are eligible to received grant-in-aid under this project. The proposals from co-operative societies having mandate of publishing books, etc. Shall also be considered for implementation of Project on merit if the response of the State Governments/UTs and voluntary organizations is not found to be adequate.
- While considering revision of Braille Press sub-scheme for next five years, it was decided that Braille Press sub-scheme may be continued as a project under SIPDA as "Project on Financial Support to Braille Presses". Since, the targets have largely been met except in case of setting up of 03 small scale Braille presses in UTs and establishment

of 11 new Braille presses as against the target 18 in the States. Following major changes were made under this sub-scheme:

- In the existing scheme no target has been fixed for setting up of new Braille Presses which will be considered as per the specific requirement in States/UTs where the demand of visually impaired school going children is not being met by the Braille presses in neighboring states. Thus, the focus of the existing scheme is to mainly release recurring grants to approved and functional Braille Presses for printing of text books and other course materials for visually impaired school going children of class I to XII. However, as per need, financial support may also be extended as non-recurring grant for setting up of new Braille presses in States and small scale Braille Presses in UTs where such press is not available and there is a need for setting up of Braille Presses to achieve the objective of the scheme.
 - The costing norm of recurring grants under the Braille Press sub-scheme (now Project) has been revised from Rs. 2/- to Rs. 2.50 per page. Recurring grant @ Rs. 2.50 per page for number of Braille pages printed and provided free of cost to the visually impaired school going children of class I to XII during a financial year will be paid to the concerned organization which includes cost of paper, proof reading, editing, formatting, printing, binding and dispatch cost.
- Financial and Physical achievements in last 8 years to till date and from July, 2021 to till date are:

Sl. No.	Year	2014 to 2022-23 (till date)				*Financial (Rs. in crore)
		Physical (Beneficiaries)				
		Braille Press machine Established/ Modernized/ Capacity Augmented	Braille Pages Printed	Institutions	Individuals	
1	2014-15	1	-	-	-	1,30,18,000/-
2	2015-16	12	14,91,932	8	11	12,36,37,743/-
3	2016-17	7	1,24,45,497	319	12,002	9,13,53,327/-
4	2017-18	2	1,66,02,584	420	44,509	6,61,34,277/-
5	2018-19	4	1,78,50,197	479	37,051	7,55,60,094/-
6	2019-20	-	1,31,21,605	316	26,695	86,56,789/-
7	2020-21	1	62,30,374	126	14,510	5,14,90,272/-
8	2021-22	1	1,06,31,185	471	15,932	3,10,39,289/-
9	2022-23 (Till date)	-	7,27,348	65	707	-
	Total	28	7,91,00,772	2,204	1,51,417	46,08,89,791/-

* This amount has been released as non-recurring and recurring grant.

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No.		Physical (Beneficiaries)				Financial (Rs. in crore)
		Braille Press machine Established/Modernized/ Capacity Augmented	Braille Pages Printed	Institutions	Individuals	
1	July 2021 to till date	Established small unit Braille Press	1,05,11,539	477	15,887	1,30,18,000/-

* This amount has been released as non-recurring and recurring grant.

- j. **Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centres for Children with Disabilities:** The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on 17.06.2021 has launched 14 single-window, contiguous Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs) in its 7 National Institutes (NIs) at AYJNISHD Mumbai, NIEPID Secunderabad, NIEPMD Chennai, NIEPVD Dehradun, NILD Kolkata, PDUNIPPD Delhi and SVNIRTAR Cuttack and 7 Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) at Bhopal, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Nellore, Patna, Rajnandgaon and Sundernagar.



- The services provided under CDEICs are as follows:
- **Screening and Identification**
 - Facilities for identification of risk cases
 - Referring for appropriate rehabilitative services
 - **Therapeutic Services**
 - Speech Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physiotherapy
 - **Counseling**
 - Parental Counseling
 - Peer Counseling

- **School Readiness**

- Communication & Language Development
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- The CDEICs have Professionals/Human Resources such as Rehabilitative, Medical, Education, and Community Worker/Trained Caregiver.
- The Department issued a Sub-scheme guidelines for setting up of CDEICs under SIPDA on 09.02.2022 to provide financial assistance for the following components:
- One time financial support not more Rs. 20 lakh for infrastructure development including equipment, fixtures, furniture, etc.
- Recurring expenses towards salary of staff upto Rs. 54.36 lakh per annum per CDEIC.
- Contingency expenditure upto Rs. 3 lakh per annum per CDEIC.
- The fund towards one-time expenditure will be released in 4 installments 30% in advance, 30% after completion of phase-I, 30% after completion of phase -II and remaining 10% after completion of phase-III and submission of UGs.
- So far Rs.1.15 crore has been released to 9 CDEICs at 6 National Institutes and 3 Composite Regional Centres during 2021-22.

(v). National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation:

- NHFDC is working towards economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities since January 1997. Mainly, NHFDC extends concessional loans to PwDs for self employment and higher education.
- **Loan Flow:** Prior to 2014, NHFDC extended concessional loans to PwDs for self employment and higher education with average loaning of Rs 29 Cr per year only.
- **Initiative after 2014:** In recent years the corporation stressed upon enhancing loans, microfinance, skill training, marketing support etc. with the following initiatives:
- **Loan Flow Enhancement**
 - After 2014 NHFDC extended loans of Rs.895.87 Crores for the benefit of 1.28 lakh PwDs.
 - The average loaning per year improved to Rs.110 Cr per year after 2014



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- Many loan schemes amalgamated into one Divyangjan Swalamban Yojna (DSY) with enhanced loan limit of Rs 50 lakhs and including more activities along with the delegation
- Loan repayment period enhanced from 7 years to 10 years in respect of education loans.
- Stress on Micro Finance given and Vishesh Micro Finance Yojana (VMY) for PwDs simplified in order to reach out to the poorest PwDs in rural areas with help of last mile financiers (NBFC-MFIs, Cooperatives, SHGs, Women organizations etc).
- Microfinance loans of Rs.50.25 Crores extended in last three years for the benefit of over 14876 PwDs.

➤ **Marketing Support:**

- Online: NHFDC initiated support the PwD entrepreneurs in marketing their products using existing online marketing platform (Amazon, Flipkart, Gem etc).
- Offline: An exclusive exhibition of products made by PwD entrepreneurs, artisans and artists (Ekam fest March 2020) was organized for the first time by NHFDC with the support of DEPwD to showcase and market their products. More than 80 PwDs and their organization participated from all over India under brand "Ekam".
- The PwD trainees at Baghpat NSK started producing Cloth Face Masks which are being marketed by NHFDC Foundation.



➤ **Skill Training**

- After 2014, the corporation facilitated skill training of over 74000 PwDs. While it was only around 12000 prior to 2014.

- For quality skill trainings of PwDs and Business Connect, NHFDC rolled out the concept of NHFDC Swavalamban Kendra (NSK) - micro skill training centers, which are uniformly designed with all training infrastructure and owned by PwDs. Already, 12 NSKs established and 16 are under process.
 - NSKs continued skill trainings of PwDs through Online classes even in lockdown.
- The details of progress made by NHFDC is compiled as under Skill training to Persons with Disabilities

Time Period	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	No. of PwDs Trained
From 1st April, 2006 to 31st March, 2014	4.59	12,265
From 1st April, 2014 to 31st March, 2022	88.94	74299
Total	93.53	86,564

Skill Trainings of 7810 PwDs are under process

➤ **Loans to Persons with Disabilities:**

Years	Number of beneficiaries	Funds Released (Rs. in crore)
2014-2015	14703	101.49
2015-2016	20552	131.08
2016-2017	16101	107.51
2017-2018	11767	90.14
2018-2019	11221	95.98
2019-2020	17935	113.22
2020-2021	18326	133.62
2021-2022	16631	112.58
2022-2023 (as on 31.05.2022)	1002	10.24
Total	128238	895.86



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- The Comparative Status of Loan Released (before 2014 and after 2014) is summarized as follows;

Particulars	Upto 31 st March, 2014 (Since inception to 31 st Mar. 2014)	Upto 31 st March, 2022 (Since Inception to 31 st Mar. 2022)
Cumulative Release (Rs. Cr.)	461	1358
No. of Beneficiaries Assisted (No. in Lakh)	0.91	2.19



(vi). National Trust:

- National Trust, a statutory body, was 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 core objective of the National Trust Act is to enable and empower these Divyangjan to live as independent and close to their community as possible by creating an enabling environment through comprehensive support system.
- **Activities undertaken from inception of National Trust i.e 1999-20 till 2014-15:**
 - ✓ The National Trust implemented its schemes and activities from the annual interest of one time corpus fund of Rs 100 Cr.
 - ✓ The administrative cost of running the National Trust office was also met out from the interest of the corpus fund.
 - ✓ The National Trust implemented limited schemes like – implementing Care Givers Training scheme, Samarth (Residential care scheme), Aspiration (Early Intervention scheme), Niramaya (Health Insurance scheme), etc.
 - ✓ Under Niramaya-Health Insurance Scheme, enrolment of beneficiaries were done twice in a year
- **Activities undertaken from 2015-16 onwards:**
 - ✓ In 2015-16, the National Trust revamped all its schemes and activities and is presently implementing 5 schemes namely –
 - Disha (Early Intervention and School Readiness Scheme for 0-10 years)
 - Vikaas (Day Care Scheme for 10+ years)
 - Niramaya - Health Insurance Scheme,
 - Samarth (Respite Care Residential Scheme)
 - Gharaunda (Group Home for Adults scheme).
 - ✓ All these schemes are being implemented online through Scheme Management System of the National Trust.
 - ✓ The DEPwD is supporting in implementation of these scheme by providing budgetary support every year since 2015-16.
 - ✓ The online legal guardianship module started by NT has facilitated universal access to the certificate with the application ID generated



through the system. Till date, approx. 50000 Legal Guardians have been appointed through online and offline mode.

- ✓ After the abrogation of Article 370, LLCs have constituted in all districts of J&K and Ladakh. Discussions are on with the Administration of both the UTs for implementation of NT Act.

➤ **Since 2015-16 major initiatives related to Niramaya Health**

Insurance Scheme:

- ✓ Earlier the private insurance company was implementing the scheme but from 2015-16, the scheme is being implemented through the Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. and the premium rate is also remained unchanged.
- ✓ The scheme is free for Divyangjans who are having guardians other than natural parents. It is also applicable for the beneficiary belonging to North Eastern States.
- ✓ The scheme registration fee has been waived for all the registered organizations so that they can enroll maximum number of beneficiaries.
- ✓ The scheme is exempted from service tax from 2016-17.
- ✓ The beneficiaries were 50541 In 2014-15 while they increased to 1,16,828 in 2021-22.
- ✓ Similarly, claim settlement has also increased from 4.97 crore in 2014-15 to 29.80 crore in 2021-22.

(vii). Major Achievements of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities during the last 8 years:

- **Legislative Reform: Enactment of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016:** Government enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 on 28.12.2016. The Act came into force from 19.04.2017. Central Rules were notified on 15.06.2017. Till date, 32 States/ UTs have notified the Act. Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and Ladakh have not notified the Act till date. Main features of the RPwD Act, 2016 are:-
 - ✓ A rights based legislation unlike the PwD Act, 1995, which was welfare based.
 - ✓ Categories of Disabilities increased from 7 to 21. On 04.01.2018 Guidelines for assessment of these disabilities were prescribed.
 - ✓ Reservation in Government jobs for Persons with Disabilities increased from 3% to 4%. On 15.01.2018, DoPT issued instructions to provide 4% reservation of the total number of vacancies in direct recruitment to the persons with disabilities.
 - ✓ On 04.01.2021, the Ministry notified a list of 3566 posts (1046 – Group A; 515-Group B; 1724- Group C and 281-Group D) identified suitable for reservation for PwDs.
 - ✓ On 17.05.2022, the Central Government issued instructions providing for 4% reservation in promotion for persons with benchmark disabilities in the cadre strength within Group C, from Group C to Group B, within Group B to the lowest rung of Group A.
 - ✓ Reservation in seats for students with disabilities in Govt./Govt. aided higher educational institutions increased from 3% to 5%.
 - ✓ It focuses on creating accessible environment for PwDs in built-up environment, transportation system and ICT eco system.
 - ✓ It also focuses on promoting participation of PwDs in skill development, sports and recreation.
- **International Cooperation in disability sector:**
 - ✓ India has signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and subsequently ratified the same on October 1, 2007.
 - ✓ India is also a Party to the Incheon Strategy “To make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and Pacific Region since 2012.
 - ✓ India has signed a MoU with Government of Australia for cooperation in disability sector on 22nd November, 2018. Community Based



Inclusive Development (CBID) Project is being implemented in collaboration of University of Melbourne which is in line with the area of cooperation mentioned in the said MoU.

- ✓ On 27th April, 2022, Union Cabinet has also approved the proposal of this Department to enter into a bilateral agreement with Government of Chile for cooperation in disability sector.
- ✓ An MoU is under process to be signed with Government of South Africa for cooperation in disability sector.
- Two new National Institutes- Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) set up in 2015 and National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) established in 2019.
- ✓ ISLRTC developed of ISL Dictionary. Launched 3rd Edition of the Dictionary with total 10000 terms on 17.02.2021.
- ✓ ISLRTC signed an MoU with NCERT on 06.10.2020 to convert textbooks of class I to XII into ISL (Digital Format). ISL e-content of NCERT textbooks of classes I-V launched on 23rd September, 2021.
- 13 new Composite Regional Centres as outreach/ extension centres of respective NIs established - one each in the States/UTs of Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Sikkim, A&N Islands, Meghalaya and Manipur.
- Various buildings of National Institutes & their Regional & Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) constructed at a cost of Rs. 258.82 crores to facilitate smooth service delivery to PwDs.
- Centre for Disability Sports set up at Gwalior to provide state-of-the art training facilities for Divyang Sports Persons which is likely to be made functional in 2022. Another such centre is proposed at Shillong.
- Modernisation of ALIMCO sanctioned at a cost of Rs 338.04 crore with financial support of Rs 200.00 crore from Central Government.
- ALIMCO Auxiliary Production Centres were set up in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh at the cost of Rs.13.94 crores.
- State of the Art ALIMCO Auxiliary Production Centre is being setup in Faridabad, Haryana at the cost of Rs.55.00 crores. The centre is to be completed during July, 2022. The centre is to be completed during July, 2022.
- 14 Cross Disability Early Identification Centres (CDEIC) (0-6 years) established at 7 National Institutes at Delhi, Dehradun, Secunderabad,

Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Cuttack and 7 Composite Regional Centres at Lucknow, Sundernagar, Nellore, Rajnandgaon, Kozhikode, Patna and Bhopal in June, 2021.

- Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of aids and appliances (ADIP) scheme revised from April, 2022 for providing contemporary aids and assistive devices to Divyangjan and supporting cochlear implant surgery for children with hearing impairment (0-5 years) @ Rs 7 lakh per beneficiary and Rs. 6.00 lakh in case of children with acquired hearing loss between 5 to 18 years. Aids and assistive devices worth Rs 1389.35 crores distributed to 22.38 lakh Divyangjan and 4170 cochlear implant surgeries supported.
- Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) scheme revised w.e.f. 01.04.2018 enhancing the cost norms by 2.5 times. Rs 561.00 crores released benefitting 2.83 lakh beneficiaries.
- New Scholarship Schemes such as pre-matric, post-matric, top class education, National Overseas and free coaching for students with disabilities launched from 2014-15 onwards. Scholarships amounting to Rs 555.35 crore released to 1.84 lakh students with disabilities.
- Accessible India Campaign launched in December, 2015 for creation of barrier free environment in public buildings, transportation and ICT eco system - 585 buildings of the States/UTs and 1030 Central Government Buildings have been made barrier free through support from the Department under Accessible India Campaign with the release of Rs 553.59 crores.
- Under SIPDA and National Action Plan, Skill Training to 1.94 lakh Divyangjans was imparted at a cost of Rs. 204.68 crore.
- Unique Disability Identity Card Project launched in 2016-17 to create a national database of persons with disabilities. As on 01.06.2022, 73.89 lakh Unique Disability ID cards generated in 716 Districts across all States/UTs.
- 5 Divya Kala Shakti events organized (02 at National Level and 03 at Regional Level) since 2019, to showcase the inner potential of children and youth with disabilities in performing and fine arts.
- Participants in the **2020 Paralympics** held at Tokyo were **felicitated** by the Department.

Department and office of CCPD jointly organized a two days' **sensitization workshop on 4th to 5th March, 2022 at Kevadia, Gujarat** to create awareness about the RPwD Act, 2016, various initiatives and the Schemes & Programmes of Government of India for empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities and roles and responsibilities of the States therein.



(viii). Success Stories

➤ Cochlear Implant of Riya Singh- 16 November 2014



Riya Sing, 8 years Female child Daughter of Mithun Singh. She is a second child and was diagnosed with Hearing Impairment when she was 2 year 8 months old. At the initial stage her mother observed some problems like she was not responding towards the sound and also not speaks, then their parents go to the Shrawan commamdo hospital, Pune and consulted with the pediatricians well as with Ear Nose Throat doctor and that suggested for audio logical evaluation. After BERA test, done by audiologist, she was diagnosed with bilateral sever to profound hearing loss. Then, soon they are taken hearing aid and speech therapy till 6 months, but she doesn't have any improvement with the hearing aid for the same doctors are suggested to their parents about cochlear implant and refer to air force hospital Mumbai were she get implanted on 01/01/2018. After the cochlear implant and switch on, she was taken initial speech therapy in military office Pune Shrawan commamdo hospital 15/02/2021, and after few months of speech therapy on Shrawan Commando Hospital Pune, shecame to the CRC Rajnandgaon for speech therapy, after which her speech assessment and intervention done on CRC Rajnandgaon on 12/09/2019. When Riya came to the CRC Rajnandgaon first time, she could neither aware the sound and also not speak anything, but after coming to the CRC Rajnandgaon and taking continuous speech therapy, intervention plan and parents counseling, today she has started speaking very well by combining the three, four words and make sentence level as well as she also answers simple "wh" kind of question. Now Riya has been communicated through the speech with all the family members as well as with the strangers very well, and admitted to the normal school i.e. Niraj Parents Pride School, Baldew Bagh, Rajnandgaonon KG1 class.

- **Bhavna Singh D/o Ratnesh Singh, KishnuKheda, Post Alipur, unnao, Uttar Pradesh- 209801, Ph- 07753924622/07704864241.**



Surgery Date:15/06/2017

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Ms.Bhavana Singh had hearing loss due to which he could not hear or speak. At the age of 4 years cochlear implant surgery was done on her under ADIP scheme. Regular therapy sessions were attended by her at Mehrotra Hospital, empanelled therapy center of AYJNISHD under ADIP Cochlear Implant Scheme. Today at the age of 7 years after

2 years have passed with the implant; she is able to speak as any other normal child. She also self communicates with family friends and relatives, ask questions and interacts with everyone. She is attending Regular school. She is studying in 1st standard. She has achieved Academic skills conversation, reading and writing. She takes part in Cultural Activities and sports also Post cochlear Implantation with the help of speech & language therapy. Her learning skills are improved and parents became happy to see her improvement.



➤ **Mr. Nilesh hailing from Sagar**

Madhya Pradesh is a carpenter by his profession having small family with wife and two children. One day while waiting for a bus in the bus stop, a speeding car hit Mr. Nilesh & injured his both legs severely. Later, to save the life of the patient his both legs were amputated from above the knee level. He was in deep shock that his life has been shattered within no time. Mr. Nilesh approached to Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virender Kumar for assistance for rehabilitation to lead his family. The patient has been referred to the department of Prosthetics & Orthotics workshop division of PDUNIPPD for appropriate rehabilitation by providing Bi-lateral artificial limbs.



After detailed assessment & evaluation by the group of Prosthetist & Orthotist experts under the guidance of Mr. G. Pandian, Manager Workshop was recommended for modular B/L stubbies prosthesis. The work has been assigned to Mr. Bhupender, sincere effort has been made to fabricate the prosthesis with biomechanical principle and advanced technology, so as to achieve success in the rehabilitation. Accordingly, the B/L stubbies prosthesis with modular component, which is one of the first of its kind in this Institute. The patient was given training for standing. Then started walking with the help of two people.

After extensive gait training by the professionals and practice by patient, Mr. Nilesh started walking with one walking stick. The patient was explained with all the possible gait training so that he can able to walk independently, further he can able to walk efficiently in his native place. The device was delivered Mr. Nilesh in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virender Kumar on 2nd February 2022.



It is advised to the Mr. Nilesh for follow-up after six months. The professional team from this Institute was keeping on watching his performance through electronic media.

One month from the date of delivery of device the patient started walking without any support in his native place in all kind of surfaces both even & uneven. Now at present the patient is started his work of carpenter independently and leading his family with the Bi-lateral artificial limbs and leading happy family life.

➤ **Name: – JETHU SINGH**

Age:-23/ year old

Mobile No:-7426836882

Discharge Job Order No:-707/2020-21



Mr. Jethu Singh, is 23 yearsold &final year Student of MBBS, Maulana Azad Medical College, NCT Delhi he is resident of Nokha, Distract Bikaner, Rajasthan.

In an Unfortunate accident on dated 3rd Jan, 2010, at Rajasthan he suffered major injuries and his right leg had to be amputated on dated 05th Jan, 2010 at Bone & Joint Hospital, Jodhpur, Rajasthan. He reported at Pt. DDUNIPPD, 4-vhshnu Digamber Marg New Delhi 110002, on 22/03/2021. At the time of registration Mr. JethuSingh was facing reduction in mobility and dexterity and also basic pursuits of daily living had become much more difficult.

After detailed clinical assessment Mr. Jethu Singh was provided an Above Knee prosthesis in free of cost under the ADIP Scheme of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.



After fitment of AK Prosthesis he was trained to walk independently with the prosthesis, subsequently he started performing activities of daily living with much more ease, resulting in active participation in academic and social life. He is now able to stand, walk, transfer his body weight from one surface to another and can perform his daily activities with ease. As his mobility has improved, his confidence and positive outlook towards life has increased.

- **Success story of Master Kota Venkata Charan - Intellectual disabled Child UMA MANOVIKASA KENDRAM (Special School for Intellectual Disabilities & Early Intervention Centre, Organized by Uma Educational & Technical Society, Kakinada, under the aegis of, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi)** Master K.Venkata Charan, is a Moderate Intellectual Disabled boy. He is from a middle class family and his father and mother is divided due to this boy born with Intellectual Disabled. He is living with his mother along with grandparents. His mother is working as a teacher in a private school. Before coming to this school he is not going any school due to his problem behaviours and he is not taken food properly. His mother is not interested to joining in normal schools. During survey conducted by general school teachers were identify and refer to our special school. After the assessment we have given admission into our Special School for Intellectual Disabilities during June 2016.

Support: After admission our Special Educators and Rehabilitation Professionals were assessed him and prepared an action plan through Individualized Educational Programme and Behavior Modification and implementing the IEP.



Change: Within one year he had shown very good performance in Number concept in additions, subtraction and divisions with single line. He says orally 1-100 numbers and identifies value upto 20. Money concept: He can identify Rs. 5, 10, 20/- and change given. He is undergone training in Computer basic skills words typing and matching. He is able to identify words and pictures of Fruits. He is also

actively participated and performs in cultural programmes conducted on the school level leisure time and occasions.

Based on his development we have implement the goals and objectives and involving in various cultural activities. We are also involving in outreach and mainstreaming activities.



Master K.Charan performing mimicry in front of Miss World Australia 2017 Esma Voloder has made a visit to our Organization, Kakinada on 5th Jan 2018.



Master K Charan along with Commandant 3rd Battalion APSP, Kakinada.



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Celebrating New Year with our special needs children by Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada at his Bungalow. Master Charan cutting the cake

➤ **Achievement:**

- Always he is one of the role model of other Disabled children who are studying with him and his class. He is performing mimicry and imitating cinema actors and entering the all the school children during leisure time and occasions conducted by this organization.
- He is also completed 10th Class through Open Schooling (NIOS). Now he is undergone Vocational Training in Paper Plates Making.
- During 1st wave of Covid-19 Pandemic his Mother and Grand Parents both are died due to corona. Now he is an orphan and staying at our hostel.

- **Success Story of Mr. Goddu Veera Venkata Satyanarayana (District Disability Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRC), East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, Implementing Agency: Uma Educational & Technical Society, Kakinada, Under the aegis of, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi)**



Mr. Goddu Veera Venkata Satyanarayana S/o G Srinivas aged 17 years he is from Rajanagaram Village of Rajanagaram Mandal. He lost his Right below knee due to an accident when he was coming back from village with his friend on bike while he was driving suddenly lorry over taken them and they were fallen down but from behind other lorry went from by his leg

and was totally crushed by lorry tires. Immediately taken to the hospital admitted in emergency ward and doctors was also helpless because his leg was totally crushed by the lorry tires so they amputee his Right below Knee for overcome the other complications. He belongs to BPL family his father is working as Mason and his parents were so much depressed because of he is the only son for his family but unfortunately he lost his leg. He is he discontinued 10th class due to this accident. The person from his village one of the PwD Mr. Kundela Butchibabu, KAFO Caliper user which is received from (DDRC) District Disability Rehabilitation Center Kakinada has referred him for an artificial limb.

The DDRC Prosthetics and Orthotics was assessed him and taken Measurements for an Artificial Limb. After Measurements our DDRC Team has fabricated Below Knee Artificial Limb in our Workshop and providing mobility training with artificial limb. Now he is able to walk with Artificial Limb. He is appearing 10th Class and completed successfully and joined in Wesley ITI College at Rajanagaram. He is happy that he can do his ADL activities like normally he was again back to his normal life.

He and his family members are expressed their sincere gratitude towards the DDRC East Godavari as well as department of Empowerment of PwDs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, and Government of India for supporting them through mobility.



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- **NHFDC has been encouraging women with disabilities in their economic ventures. Brief about some of these women entrepreneurs who achieved success through their efforts and financial support of NHFDC are as under:**

- **Smt. Sunita Gupta, District: Dausa, Rajasthan**

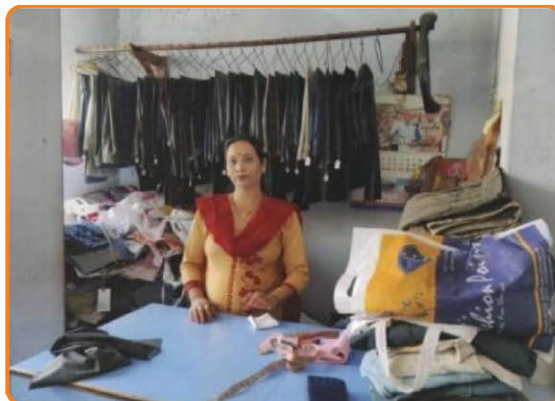


Smt. Sunita Gupta is Orthopedically Handicapped with 74% disability. She belongs to remote area of Dausa district of Rajasthan. She was managing the needs of her family through small artificial Jewellery making & selling shop with the help of her husband who is also an orthopedically handicapped.

She obtained loan assistance of Rs.8,24,500/- from NHFDC in 2014 through Rajasthan S.C. & S.T. Finance & Development Cooperative Corporation (RSCFDC). She expanded her artificial Jewellers Shop

Today, she is a successful entrepreneur and her income has gone up from Rs. 10,000/- p.m. (before loan) to about Rs.50,000/- per month **now**. **She is now supplying her products to Central Cottage Industries Corporation Ltd.**

- **Ms. Rekha Devi, W/o. Sh. Rajesh Chander , R/o. Charankalan Chani, Udhampur, J&K.**



Self-employment Venture Cutting /Tailoring

Ms. Rekha Devi is physically challenged. She came to know through Radio program that NHFDC provided financial assistance for Divyangjan. She applied for loan through concerned district office of the 3 & K Women's Development Corporation (JKWDC). The staff in JKWDC helped her in completion of the formalities and loan amount of Rs 3.00 lakhs was sanctioned in 2019.

Today, she is running a Cutting/Tailoring unit of her own and earning a profit of Rs 15,000/- per **month**.



- **Smt. Parmar T. Becharshin** , District Sabarkantha, Gujarat



Project- Kirana shop

Smt. Parmar T. Becharshin is an Orthopedically Handicapped (100% disability). She is from remote area of Sabarkantha district. Before availing loan, she was in financial difficulties. She came to know about the financial assistance schemes of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) through Gujarat Minorities Finance and Development Corporation (GMFDC).

She got a loan of Rs. 40,000/- under NHFDC schemes in 2009 through GMFDC and started Kirana shop with the loan availed. She is earning good income and repaying the loan regularly. She is satisfied with the assistance and inspiring others to avail assistance under NHFDC Schemes.

- **Ms. Seema Rani D/o Shri Gudita Ram, Patiala, Punjab**



Ms. Seema Rani is physically challenged (with 80% Disability). She availed loan of Rs. 1,35,000/- in 2016 under NHFDC scheme through Punjab SC Land Development 85 Finance Corporation (The SCA of NHFDC in Punjab). She has setup a Readymade Garments shop and is able to maintain her family with this income generating activity.

➤ **Success Story of Student Salman under the Scholarship Scheme:**

It was an incredible journey; I met so many wonderful people and learned so much about their culture. Explore so many places in the United Kingdom, it was awesome. I know this whole experience going stay with me for the rest of my life. I am overjoyed for completing one of my lifelong ambitions of pursuing a master's degree in a foreign country. For all of this, I owe a debt of gratitude to the National Overseas Scholarship, the Government of India, and the friends who helped me in India and the United Kingdom. Now it's time to serve in India and begin a new adventure.





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