

**COMMISSIONERATE FOR WELFARE
OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED**

**DETAILS OF STATE GOVERNMENT SCHEMES FOR CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES**

Sub:	Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Abled – Details of all State Schemes/Programmes for Children in context of Persons with Disabilities Act requested – Furnishing of details - Reg.
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1. Kind attention is invited to the letter cited in reference 1st cited above wherein details of all state schemes/programmes for children in context of JJ Act, Persons with Disability Act, Health, Education, Stipend, Pension, Legal Aid etc., along with key features of the schemes and information as to how and from where/who to approach for availing benefits under these schemes by children with disabilities were requested.
2. In this regard, following details are submitted for kind consideration.
3. Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 recognizes 21 categories of disabilities. The categories of disabilities are as follows.

Sl.No.	Disability
1.	Locomotor Disability
2.	Acid Attack Victims
3.	Cerebral Palsy
4.	Leprosy Cured Persons
5.	Muscular Dystrophy
6.	Dwarfism
7.	Blindness
8.	Low-vision
9.	Deaf (Hearing Impairment)
10.	Hard of Hearing (Hearing Impairment)
11.	Speech and Language Disability

Sl.No.	Disability
12.	Intellectual Disability
13.	Autism spectrum disorder
14.	Specific Learning Disabilities
15.	Mental Illness
16.	Chronic neurological Conditions
17.	Multiple Sclerosis
18.	Parkinson's Disease
19.	Haemophilia
20.	Thalassemia
21.	Sickle Cell Disease

4. The Government of Tamil Nadu implements various welfare schemes for the benefit of differently abled persons including children in the state. The details of scheme and the method of availing such schemes are provided below.

5. **Issuance of National Identity Disability Card and Unique Disability Identification Card Cards**

a. **Scheme Details:**

- i. Identification cards are being issued to the Differently abled persons with 40% and above disability based on Disability Certificate by the District Differently Abled Welfare Office to avail the benefits of various Government schemes.
 - ii. The Disability certificates are issued by the appropriate certifying authority relevant to the particular disability in camps and the medical board in Government Medical College Hospitals, District Headquarter Hospitals, Taluk and Non-Taluk Hospitals and also in special camps as per the severity of the disability. Besides this, the Unique Disability Identification cards have also been issued by the Government of India. Totally 8,94,220 number of UDID cards have been generated and delivered to the residence of DAPs as on 31.03.2025.
- b. **How to avail:** The differently abled children can approach the District Differently Abled Welfare Office functioning in each district to apply and receive the NIDC and UDID cards.

6. Early Intervention Centres for the Children with Disabilities

a. Scheme Details:

- i. The progressive effect of disability can be prevented, if it is diagnosed through early intervention services and the integration process will also be much easy at the initial stage itself. These early intervention services are being provided for children with disabilities of less than 6 years of age through Non-Governmental Organisations for various types of disabilities such as hearing impairment, intellectually challenged, visual impairment, cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder and multiple disabilities. Across the State, there are 93 Early Intervention Centres with 290 special educators functioning at the district headquarters catering to the needs of 2466 children.
- ii. In these centres, disability specific interventions for the children and counselling for the parents are provided along with learning materials, noon-meal, weaning food and free transport facilities. A tour is also arranged for the children once in a year. After the intervention, the children above the age of 6 years are mainstreamed to normal school based on their physical and mental growth.

b. **How to avail:** The details of Early Intervention Centres along with the services are given below. The differently able children can avail the benefits of these early intervention centres by visiting the following centres directly.

Early Intervention Centres (EIC)	No. of EICs
EIC for Children with Hearing Impairment Children	33
EIC for Children with Intellectual Disability	32
EIC for Children with Visually Impairment	6
EIC for children with Cerebral Palsy	2
EIC for children with Autism	19
EIC for children with Multiple Disabilities	1
Total	93

7. Day care centres for persons affected with Muscular Dystrophy

- a. **Scheme Details:** In the recent years there is an increase in the number of persons being affected with Muscular Dystrophy. To rehabilitate them, 14

Day care centres are operated across the state by Non-Governmental Organisations providing therapeutic training. These are functioning in the Districts of Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Vellore, Madurai, Tiruvannamalai, Salem, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Coimbatore, Villupuram, Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Dharmapuri and Thanjavur. These centres provide physiotherapy, speech therapy and basic medical diagnostic services.

- b. **How to avail:** The differently able children can avail the benefits of these day care centres by visiting the centres directly.

8. **Rescue scheme for the wandering Mentally Ill persons**

- a. **Scheme Details:** A rescue scheme for the mentally ill persons who are abandoned by their families and wandering in public places is being implemented from 2010 onwards.
- b. **Implementation Method:** The wandering mentally ill persons are rescued by the Non-Governmental Organisations and admitted in the registered rehabilitation homes after giving medical treatment. After adequate recovery, attempts are made through social workers to reunite these persons with their families. The NGOs are given financial assistance at the rate of Rs.1500/-per rescued mentally ill person.

9. **Rehabilitation homes for persons with Intellectual Disability above 14 years**

- a. **Scheme Details:**
- i. The Rehabilitation of persons with intellectual disability, involves the therapeutic process by which these persons are enabled to reach their full potential in physical, mental, social and economic aspects of their life. The children up to age of 14 years are enrolled in early intervention centres and day care centres for providing life skill training and rehabilitation services through Non-Governmental Organisations. After 14 years, they are rehabilitated through rehabilitation homes.
- ii. Currently 67 homes are functioning to provide vocational training and rehabilitation services for children above 14 years along with residential care. These homes are functioning to accommodate both genders together or to provide gender specific care. Food, accommodation, medical services, vocational training in Weaving, Horticulture, Candle making, Bakery units etc., are provided here.

- b. **How to avail:** The differently abled children with the help of their parents/care giver can visit the rehabilitation homes and avail the services of these rehabilitation homes.

10. **Rehabilitation homes for the Mentally Ill**

- a. **Scheme Details:** Rehabilitation of mentally ill is highly essential to improve their quality of life, and reintegrate them with the family. Hence the persons affected with mental illness are supported to overcome their challenges of anxiety, stress and trauma by way of various therapy and medicines. These services are provided through rehabilitation homes run by Non-Governmental Organisations. In these homes, the beneficiaries are also provided food, clothing, accommodation and medical services. Out of 122 homes functioning, 51 homes are receiving grants from the Government and the remaining 71 homes are functioning with their own funds.
- b. **How to avail:** The differently abled children with the help of their parents/care giver can visit the rehabilitation homes and avail the services of these rehabilitation homes for mentally ill persons.

11. **Rehabilitation Homes for spinal cord injured persons**

- a. **Scheme Details:** The rehabilitation process of the persons affected with spinal cord injury due to accident and other nervous defects aims at maximizing the person's remaining abilities, adapting to new challenges and regaining as much independence as possible. For this purpose, three Homes were established in the year 2023-2024 in the Districts of Tiruppur, Coimbatore and Thiruvannamalai at a cost of Rs.100.00 lakh to benefit 75 persons. The homes provide services such as physiotherapy and vocational training to support their recovery and independence.
- b. **How to avail:** The differently abled children with the help of their parents/care giver can visit the home directly and avail the services offered in these homes.

12. **State Resource cum Training Centres at Chennai and Tiruchirappalli**

- a. **Scheme Details:** A State Resource cum Training centre was established at Chennai in 2005 and its regional unit was set up at Tiruchirappalli in 2012. These centres aim to provide integrated rehabilitation services, training, information related to rehabilitation services and guidance that are essential for the Differently Abled Persons, their parents and care givers to live with

disability. In addition to this, Disability Certificate and NIDC are issued in these centres. Certificates for travel concession in both railways and transport department, for income tax exemption/ relaxation, for scribe assistance and extra time to write Government examinations are also issued to the eligible Differently Abled Persons from these centres. Day care centres for mentally ill persons are also functioning at Chennai and Tiruchirappalli. These centres also provide Early Intervention services.

- b. **How to avail:** The differently abled children can visit these centre directly or they can contact Helpline services on the toll free number 1800-425-0111 which is setup exclusively for Differently Abled Persons in SRTC, Chennai. Communication for Hearing Impaired persons are enabled through video call in WhatsApp Number 9499933703.

13. **Special Education**

- a. **Scheme Details:** To provide special education with flexible learning under accessible environment there are 22 Government residential special schools, 48 Government-aided special schools and 323 special schools run by NGOs with grants-in-aid assistance from Government. Based on the needs of the special children, various categories of schools are functioning across the State. Ten Government Special Schools are functioning for the benefit of the visually challenged and ten schools for hearing impaired students. There is one special school each functioning for the intellectually challenged and severely affected locomotor disabled. Among the 48 aided institutions, 9 are functioning for the visually challenged, 17 are functioning for the hearing impaired, 7 for locomotor affected and 15 for intellectually challenged children.
- b. **How to avail:** The differently abled children can visit these special schools directly for admission.

14. **Modern reading devices**

- a. **Scheme Details:** To improve the learning abilities of visually impaired students in government schools, a kit containing teaching tools and tactile books (Universal Braille Kit and Tactile Book) worth ₹5,000 to ₹10,000 each is being provided.

- b. **How to avail:** The differently abled children studying in special schools are given these kits by the school administration.

15. **Extension of Noon meal and weaning food to NGOs managed Special Schools and EICs.**

- a. **Scheme Details:** During the year 2024-25, weaning food and noon-meal were provided to the children who are studying in the special schools and Early Intervention Centres managed by NGOs, thus benefiting 8012 students.
- b. **Implementation Method:** Government ensures that the weaning food and noon-meal are available at the special schools run by NGOs.

16. **Scholarships**

- a. **Scheme Details:** To promote special education and to encourage students' attendance, scholarships are being given to the differently abled students every year according to their specific level of education. During the year 2023-24, the amount of scholarship for each eligible category was doubled and the amount of assistance is detailed as below:

Educational Scholarship

Sl. No.	Level of Education	Annual Amount of Assistance (in Rs.)
1	1 st -5 th Standard	2,000/-
2	6 th -8 th Standard	6,000/-
3	9 th -12 th Standard	8,000/-

- b. **How to avail:** Applications are to be applied through e-sevai centres available across Tamil Nadu. Upon approval, the scholarship amount is credited directly to the bank account of beneficiary.

17. **Reader's Allowance**

- a. **Scheme Details:** To facilitate the learning process for the visually impaired students, an allowance is given to them for engaging readers. This amount is given annually at the rate of Rs.3,000/- to the students pursuing 9th standard to 12th standard.
- b. **How to avail:** Applications are to be applied through e-sevai centres available across Tamil Nadu. Upon approval, the reader allowance is credited directly to the bank account of beneficiary.

18. Scribe Assistance

- a. **Scheme Details:** As a measure to promote education, visually impaired students studying in standards 9 and above in Government and Government aided special schools are permitted to have Scribes and Scribe Assistance at the rate of Rs.300/- per paper to write the examinations is given for them.
- b. **How to avail:** Applications are processed through the special school administration.

19. Scheme for Supplying Uniform for Special School Students

- a. **Scheme Details:** The subsidy amount for the supply of school uniforms to the differently abled students studying in Government special schools and visually impaired students getting training in Government vocational training centre has been increased from Rs.250/- and Rs.300/- to Rs.500/- and Rs.600/- respectively.
- b. **How to avail:** The uniforms are distributed through special schools.

20. Cash Incentive Scheme to Prevent School Drop-outs

- a. **Scheme Details:** To encourage special education and prevent drop out of the differently abled students studying in 10th, 11th and 12th standards, an annual assistance in the form of cash incentive ranging from Rs.1500/- to Rs.2000/- is given to the students incentivising them to continue higher education. This amount is deposited in Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation and the amount is paid with interest to the students after they complete 12th standard.

Cash Incentive for continuing Higher Secondary Education

Sl.No	Class Level	Amount (in Rs.)
1	10 th Standard	1,500/-
2	11 th Standard	1,500/-
3	12 th Standard	2,000/-

- b. **How to avail:** This scheme is implemented through Government and Government aided school administration.

21. Different Types of Assistive devices

- a. **Scheme Details:** To create an accessible environment in society for differently abled persons and to help them communicate freely with others, various

assistive devices are being provided based on their specific needs. The list of assistive devices which are suitable for children are as follows.

S. No.	Assistive Devices
1.	Auxiliary crutches
2.	Elbow crutches
3.	Magnifier
4.	Braille Watches
5.	Goggles
6.	Reflecting Folding Sticks
7.	Walking device
8.	Wheelchair for Cerebral Palsy affected persons
9.	Corner Seat for children with cerebral palsy
10.	Plastic Calliper
11.	Metal Calliper
12.	Battery Operated Wheel Chair with Neo Bolt
13.	Tricycle
14.	Foldable Wheelchair
15.	Behind the Ear Hearing Aid
16.	Artificial Limb
17.	Modular Reading Device
18.	Standing Frame

b. **How to avail:** Application are to be made through e-Sevai centres. Upon approval, these assistive devices are distributed through District Differently Abled Welfare Office functioning in each district.

22. **Maintenance Allowance**

a. **Scheme Details:** To support the livelihood of the differently abled persons, a maintenance allowance of Rs.2000/- per month is provided to differently

abled persons based on medical certificate without considering the income level. The details of eligibility are given below.

Sl. No	Categories of Differently abled persons	Eligible percentage to get assistance
1	Persons with Intellectual Disability	40% and above
2	Severely affected Persons	75% and above
3	Persons affected with Parkinson's Disease, Spinal cord Injury and Multiple Sclerosis	40% and above
4	Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder	40% and above
5	Persons affected with Muscular Dystrophy	40% and above
6	Leprosy affected Person	40% and above

- b. **How to avail:** To get the benefit under the scheme, the beneficiary has to submit application through e-sevai centre located near to his/her residence. The applications are scrutinized by the District Differently Abled Welfare Officers and it is ensured that the amount reaches directly to the beneficiary's account through Direct Benefit Transfer, before 5th of every month.

23. **Financial Assistance to the differently abled persons with High Support Need**

- a. **Scheme Details:** The scheme of encouraging the assistance to caregiver who supports the persons affected with severe disabilities was started during 2019. As per the scheme, financial assistance of Rs.1000/- per month is given to the care taker who supports the differently abled persons with high support need. This assistance is given based on the recommendations of Assessment Board and certified as "differently abled persons with high support need".
- b. **How to avail:** The intended beneficiary can make an application to the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer.

24. **Hundred percent Free Travel concession**

- a. **Scheme Details:** The free travel has been introduced in Government buses for the differently abled persons to travel from their residence to the places where

they pursue education, employment, vocational training, undergo medical or therapeutic treatment. Free travel is also permitted within the cities in white board town buses for the differently abled persons along with escorts. The visually impaired persons are permitted to travel in the mofussil buses without any condition upto 100 kilometers distance from their residence.

- b. **How to avail:** Applications are being collected through District offices at present. However, steps have been taken to make provision for online application through e-Sevai across the State from this year.

25. Seventy five percent travel concession

- a. **Scheme Details:** All categories of differently abled persons are permitted to travel individually or with an escort, without any ceiling on distance travelled from their residence to anywhere in the State with 75% concession in all Government buses except A/C buses.
- b. **How to avail:** The beneficiary has to share a copy of their disability certificate to the bus conductor when they travel in Government buses.

26. Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for Differently Abled Persons

- a. **Scheme Details:** To provide welfare schemes for the Differently abled and their family members, Tamil Nadu Government constituted Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for Differently Abled persons in 2007. The Board was reconstituted during 2022, having the Honourable Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment as Chairperson along with new members. Differently abled persons above the age of 10 years can register themselves in the Welfare Board through District Differently Abled Welfare Office to avail social security benefits for their family members and themselves. The members are eligible to avail scholarship for their wards, marriage assistance, financial assistance for the purchase of spectacles, maternity assistance, personal accident relief including compensation for the death due to accident and natural death including assistance to perform funeral, etc.,
- b. **How to avail:** The intended beneficiaries can apply for benefits under this scheme through District Differently Abled Welfare Officer.

**Details of Tamil Nadu Welfare Board
Assistances**

1	Personal Accident Relief		
	(a)	Death due to Accident	Rs.2,00,000/-
	(b)	Loss of Hand, or Leg, or sight in both eyes and total loss	Rs.2,00,000/-
	(c)	Loss of one hand or one leg or sight in one eye or total loss of Vision	Rs.50,000/-
2	Financial Assistance to meet the Funeral Expense		Rs.2,000/-
3	Natural Death of Differently Abled Persons		Rs.15,000/-

4	Annual Scholarships to the Son and Daughter of Differently Abled Persons		
(a)	i.	Daughter studying SSLC	Rs.2,000/-
	ii	Son and Daughter who cleared SSLC	Rs.2,000/-
(b)	i.	Daughter studying 11 th Standard or equivalent	Rs.2,000/-
(c)	i.	Daughter studying 12 th Standard or equivalent	Rs.3,000/-
	ii.	Son and Daughter who cleared 12 th Standard or equivalent examination	Rs.3,000/-
(d)	i.	Son and Daughter studying Under Graduation Course	Rs.3,000/-
	ii.	Son and Daughter studying Under Graduation Course and staying in Hostel	Rs.3,500/-
	iii.	Son and Daughter studying Post Graduation Course	Rs.4,000/-
	iv.	Son and Daughter studying Post Graduation Course and staying in Hostel	Rs.6,000/-
(e)	i.	Son and Daughter studying Law, Engineering, Medicine, Veterinary Science or equivalent Professional Courses	Rs.5,000/-

	ii.	Son and Daughter studying Professional Course and staying in Hostel	Rs.6,000/-
	iii.	Son and Daughter studying in Professional Post Graduation Courses	Rs.6,000/-
	iv.	Son and Daughter studying Professional PG course and staying in Hostel	Rs.8,000/-
(f)	i.	Son and Daughter studying in Vocational Training Institutes or Technical Colleges	Rs.2,000/-
	ii.	Son and Daughter studying in Vocational Training Institutes or Technical Colleges and staying in hostel	Rs.2,500/-
5	Marriage Assistance (Either to Husband or Wife)		Rs.2,000/-
6	Financial Assistance for delivery for female members		
	(a)	Pregnancy	Rs.6,000/-
	(b)	Miscarriage of Pregnancy	Rs.3,000/-
	(c)	Caesarean section	Rs.9,000/-
7	Assistance for Alpha Beds		Rs. 6,000/-
8	Financial Assistance for the purchase of Spectacles		Rs.500/-

27. Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme

- a. **Scheme Details:** In order to provide quality health care to the differently abled persons and their family members, therapeutic and medical treatments are given through empanelled hospitals and agencies. Under this scheme, the differently abled persons and their family members can get medical treatment upto Rs.5.00 lakh. Under this scheme medical care interventions are given for the children affected with Autism also. Further, initiatives have been taken to extend the benefits of the scheme to Muscular Dystrophy, Intellectual

Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Specific learning disabilities, Hearing impairment and multiple disabilities. Artificial Limbs are also given under the scheme.

- b. **How to avail:** The intended beneficiary can make an application through CM-CHIS centres available in Collectorates across the State. The beneficiary can avail the insurance benefits in the private/Government hospitals available near their residences. This insurance benefits is applicable to their whole family members.

28. Centre of Excellence for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder

- a. **Scheme Details:** A Centre of Excellence for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder was established at the cost of Rs. 25.00 Crore in the premises of Government Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, K.K. Nagar, Chennai. It was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister during December 2024. This centre will provide comprehensive services under a single roof including special education, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, Speech therapy, vocational training, independent living skills, research and development, caregiver training and guidance to persons with autism.

- b. **How to avail:** The intended beneficiaries can avail the services of this centre by directly visiting the centre situated at K.K.Nagar.

Any other details regarding all the above schemes may be obtained from the District Differently Abled Welfare Officers functioning in each district or from the Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Abled at Chennai. This is submitted for kind consideration of the committee.
