

Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)

Key Components of the Campaign

1. Built Environment Accessibility:

- Goal: Ensure accessibility in public buildings like schools, medical facilities, workplaces, and government offices.
- Features: Ramps, corridors, accessible entry/exit points, parking, toilets, lighting, and Braille signage.
- Audits & Standards: Identify barriers and enforce the "Harmonized Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier-Free Environment."

2. Transportation Accessibility:

- Goal: Provide accessible transportation in airports, railway stations, and public transport.
- Features: Low-floor buses, aerobridges, accessible coaches, and booking/information systems.
- Standards: Adherence to the "Code of Practice for Bus Body Design Approval."

3. Information & Communication Accessibility:

- Goal: Ensure accessible information through websites, public documents, and TV programs.
- Features: Sign language interpreters, TV captioning, and accessible government websites.
- Standards: Compliance with Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW).

Benefits and Assistance

- Improves accessibility, enabling equal opportunities and independent living for PwDs.
- Government support for accessibility enhancements across buildings, transport, and information services.
- Standards developed with various ministries, covering sectors like tourism, justice, and sports.

How to Apply or Engage with the Campaign

1. States/UTs:

- Propose accessibility improvements for buildings and transport.
- Access funding to retrofit infrastructure for accessibility.

2. General Public:

- Sugamya Bharat App: Register inaccessibility complaints for buildings and transport.
- MIS Portal: Track accessibility work across sectors by ministries and states.

3. Implementing Agencies:

- Follow guidelines under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016.
- Undertake projects funded by grants based on progress and standard compliance.

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Creation of Barrier-Free Environment for Persons with Disabilities

Benefits/Assistance under the Scheme

- Government Building Modifications: Grants for ramps, lifts, accessible toilets, tactile flooring, handrails, etc.
- Accessible Websites: Support for Central/State/District offices to comply with accessibility guidelines.
- Recreation and Parks: Financial aid to develop barrier-free recreation centers and parks for PwDs.
- Libraries and Knowledge Centers: Enhancing accessibility for both physical and digital libraries.
- Consultant Support: Funds for hiring consultants to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for accessibility projects.
- Other Accessibility Activities: Covers any activities specified in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act not included in existing schemes.

Eligibility Criteria for Assistance

1. Eligible Entities:

- State Government departments/UTs.
- Autonomous/statutory bodies, PSUs, and universities by Central/State Governments.
- National Institutes, CRCs, DDRCs.
- Recognized sports bodies and federations.

2. Building Ownership: Applicant must own the building for which barrier-free features are planned.

How to Apply for Funding

1. Proposal Submission:

- Submit a detailed proposal with scope, cost, timelines, and expected outcomes.
- Include details on accessible features like ramps, lifts, toilets, and pathways.
- For new projects, provide cost estimates signed by an Executive Engineer or higher.

2. Funding Pattern:

- New Proposals: Submit a comprehensive project description, benefits, cost breakdown, and implementation timeline.
- For 2nd Installment Release: Provide a progress report, fund utilization certificate, demand letter for remaining funds, actual tender cost, and completion schedule.

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Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs)

Services Offered by CDEICs

• Screening & Identification:

- Early identification of children at risk and referrals for appropriate interventions.

• Therapeutic Services:

- Communication, language development, speech therapy, occupational and physiotherapy.
- Cognitive and behavioral development support.

• Counseling:

- Training and counseling for families, guardians, and caregivers; peer counseling.

• School Readiness:

- Development of communication, literacy, motor skills, and social-emotional abilities.

Target of the Scheme

- Establishment of 28 CDEICs over 5 years (2021-2026), including National Institutes (NIs) and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs).

Implementing Agencies

1. National Institutes (NIs) under DEPwD.
2. Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) attached to NIs.
 - Proposals submitted in the prescribed format to DEPwD.

Eligibility: Agencies/Organizations must have adequate space, preferably in government-owned (non-rented) buildings.

Components of the Scheme

- One-Time Expenditure (₹20 Lakhs): Infrastructure setup with accessibility features (ramps, tactile strips, Braille signage).
- Recurring Expenses (₹54.36 Lakhs/Year): Staff salaries and contingency costs.

Operational Arrangements

1. Proposal & Estimates: Infrastructure estimates approved by a CPWD Executive Engineer.
2. Review Committee: Proposals reviewed by DEPwD, MoHFW, MoWCD, and rotating NIs.
3. Progress Presentations: NIs/CRCs may present detailed plans and walk-through videos of CDEICs.

Other Terms & Conditions

1. Accessibility Compliance: Infrastructure must be child-friendly and accessible.
2. Records & Reporting: Maintain digital records of services, outreach, and progress.
3. Training & Biometric Attendance: Staff training by NIs and attendance tracking.
4. Separate Accounts & Audits: Maintain separate accounts for CDEICs, available for inspection.

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Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA)

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National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP)

Key Features of the Scheme

- Vocational/Skill Training: Short-term and long-term training provided by a network of government and private institutions, NGOs, and partners.
- Support for Entrepreneurship: Mentorship programs for self-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for PwDs.
- Dedicated Support System: Content creation, need assessment, placement support, and e-learning resources development.

Eligibility for Trainees

1. Indian Citizen.
2. Disability: Minimum of 40% disability, with UDID card or disability certificate.
3. Age Range: 15 to 59 years.
4. Training Status: Should not have undergone NAP-SDP sponsored training in the past year.
5. Course Criteria: Must enroll in NCVET-approved courses with specific age, qualification, and disability standards.

Eligibility of Implementing Agencies (Training Partners)

- Government Institutions: State governments, PSUs, autonomous bodies, and universities.
- Recognized Organizations: NGOs, societies, trusts, LLPs, and State Skill Development Missions recognized for skill training.
- Preference for Special/Inclusive Schools: Schools with successful records of 10th-standard pass rates among PwD students.

Application and Selection Process

Stage I:

1. Expression of Interest (EoI): Applications submitted online via the PM Daksh-DEPwD Portal.
2. Selection Committee Review: Assessment based on experience, infrastructure, and resources.
3. Validation of Training Centers: Ensuring centers meet required infrastructure standards.

Stage II:

1. Approval & Training Start: Following center validation, course details are approved, and training begins with Aadhar-enabled attendance.

Funding and Support

- Financial Assistance: Provided to training partners based on Common Norms by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- Outcome-Based Support: Funding linked to training outcomes, such as placements and employability.

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Financial Support to Study and Research in Disability Sector & Development of Suitable Products, Aids, and Appliances

Key Components of the Scheme

1. Study & Research Support:

- Generating evidence-based policies for the disability sector.
- Research on disability prevalence and preventive measures.
- Applied research to enhance habilitation and rehabilitation for PwDs.

2. Development of Technology & Devices:

- Research and development of assistive technology for rehabilitation and education.
- Creation of indigenous, cost-effective aids and appliances for PwDs.

3. Innovation & Technology Application:

- Projects using AI, ICT, and other technologies to empower PwDs.

Eligible Organizations for Financial Support

1. Institutions/Organizations:

- Universities, research institutes, voluntary organizations, and professional associations with research capacity.
- Autonomous bodies, R&D labs, public sector undertakings.
- Startups and industry associations in assistive technologies.
- NGOs/voluntary organizations registered on NITI Aayog's Darpan portal.

Research Focus Areas

- **Annual Research Themes:** Identified every April by a steering committee.
- **Expected Outcomes:**
 - Development of new diagnostic and assessment tools.
 - Creation of treatment procedures and assistive technologies.
 - Digital solutions and policy strategies.

Project Proposal & Approval Process

1. Submission of Proposals:

- Proposals submitted online according to annual research themes.
- Must detail research methodology, expected outcomes, team details, and compliance with regulations.

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