



राष्ट्रीय दृष्टि दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण संस्थान, देहरादून

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF
PERSONS WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN), DEHRADUN**

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग, (सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)
(MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT, GOVT. OF INDIA)



Dated: 12.05.2026

Theme and Suggested activities for Observance of “Helen Keller Day” on 27th June 2026

With reference to letter **Ref: F.NO.Y-11012/1/2026-AGP (E-54345) dated 29th April 2026:** Allocation of calendar days to Nis and CRCs for observation of awareness programme and with regard to observance of “Helen Keller Day” on 27th June 2026.

The aim and objective of the programme to create awareness and knowledge on Deafblindness through programme. Effective conduct of the awareness programme in the Five Zones: North, south, west, east, & central. The observance of the event/programme may focus:

- i. Understanding Deafblindness through the inspiring life of Helen Keller.
- ii. Highlighting the contributions of Hellen Keller.
- iii. Promoting rights, education, rehabilitation, accessibility and empowerment for inclusivity of persons with deafblindness among individual and community.

Sub topics:

- i. Stating the provisions under the RPwD Act, 2016, special emphasis on inclusive education, and accessibility initiatives
- ii. Meaning and concept, classification of Deafblindness
- iii. causes and condition of deafblindness
- iv. screening and identification of deafblindness
- v. programme planning for education of children/persons with deafblindness
- vi. Intervention and strategies to support the children/persons with deafblindness

Theme for the year 2026: *Connected by Touch: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges* (source from Heller Keller National Center. org).

Activities/Interventions

The following activities may be organized as part of the observance programme:

Suggested activities for effective observance of the day		
Awareness Programmes and Sensitization Sessions	Demonstrations activities	Interactive activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation programme for teachers, parents, and community • Webinars or seminars • Public awareness campaigns/rallies or outreach programmes • Prepare Pamphlets for activities • Organise activities for general public to sensitize deafblind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experts demonstration of communication methods (tactile and Braille), assistive devices • O& M techniques for Deafblind persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural programmes (drama, singing etc) • Competitions: poster, slogan writing and debates • Sharing resources and interaction: experiences with Db Individuals, short videos etc with local stakeholders and institutions • Social media captions and content

The programme may be conducted as per AGP guidelines:
