

## **REPORT**

**A 2 days State Level Continuing Rehabilitation Education Programme on  
“Orientation Programme on Disability Certification”  
on 19.11.2024-20.11.2024**

**Jointly Organized by**

**Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development (CRC)**

**Rehabilitation Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Guwahati**

**&**

**Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan),  
Mumbai**

**Venue: Auditorium, CRCSRE, Guwahati**

Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Guwahati jointly conducted a two-day State Level Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programme on “Orientation Programme on Disability Certification”. It was held on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 in joint collaboration with Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The program aimed to introduce the new assessment guidelines for certification of benchmark disabilities laid down by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India in the Gazette of India on March, 2024.

The two-day program aimed at equipping the delegates with the knowledge and skills required to assess, understand, to provide certification and to improve their competence in disability certification of persons with benchmark disabilities under the RPWD Act, 2016. The programme was structured to provide a comprehensive understanding of the criteria for disability certification, tests and tools of assessment, assessment techniques, members of the disability board, ethical and legal issues related to certification.

A total of hundred rehabilitation professionals participated in the programme who comprised of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists from different Medical Colleges of Assam, Audiometric Assistants from different districts of National Rural Health Mission, Clinical Psychologists, Special Educators, Resource persons of Axom Samagra Siksha Abhiyan, Physiotherapists.

The programme started with a Welcome Address by Dr. Deepak Aich, Assistant Professor (Special Education) followed by Lighting of Lamp by the representatives of AYJNISHD (D) and CRCSRE, Ghy.



Dr. Partha Pratim Das, Senior Medical & Health Officer, O/o Joint Director of Health Sciences, Govt. of Assam discussed on “Certification of Visual Impairment”.



Dr. Mythili Hazarika, Head & Associate Professor, Deptt. of Clinical Psychology, GMCH spoke on the various tests and procedures to certify Intellectual Disability and its certification.



Dr. Sujata Hazarika, Head & Associate Professor, Deptt. of PMR, GMCH introduced the different types of Locomotor Disabilities that are included under the RPWD Act, 2016 and discussed in length the process of certifying each.



Mr Joyanta Ch. Mandal, Lecturer (Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology), AYJNISHD (D), Mumbai discussed in length on “Certification of Speech Disability”



Dr Anirban Mahanta, Assistant Professor (Neurology), GMCH spoke in length on Parkinson’s Disease and its certification



Dr. Papor Borah, Associate Professor (Neurology), GMCH took a session on Certification of “Chronic Neurological Conditions”. The resource persons from the Neurology Department can be seen interacting with the delegates during session.





Dr. Bornali Das Sr. Lecturer, Psychiatric Social Work, Deptt. of Psychiatry, GMCH oriented the delegates on IDEA Scale, a tool used for assessment of Mental Illness.



Dr. Ashok Kr. Biswas, Former Faculty, Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, GMCH spoke on the tests and procedures to certify Language Disability



Shri Rajeev Bhardwaj, CRCSRE, Guwahati addressed the guidelines laid down by the Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016



Dr. Diganta Barman, Assistant Professor (Pediatrics) took a session on Certification of Autism Spectrum Disorder & Specific Learning Disability



Dr Bobby Hmar, Associate Professor (Psychiatry) addressed the delegates on the covert and overt behaviors of persons with Mental Illness and its certification process.



Mr Joyanta Ch. Mandal, Lecturer (Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology), AYJNISHD (D), Mumbai took a session on "Certification of Hearing Disabilities" . He discussed on the new guidelines and the formula to calculate the disability index.



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