

Committee for financial assistance. The composition of the Scrutiny-cum-Technical Committee will be as follows:

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| (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 |

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- "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. 3000/- 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:

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| 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 |

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- 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. **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), Rajpur, 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 9 years are:

| "Project on Financial Support to Braille Presses" | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name Of The Project | Year | Braille Press Establish/M odernized/C apacity Augmented | Non-Recurring GIA (Amount in Rs.) | Recurring GIA (Amount in Rs.) | No. Of braille pages embossed | No. of individual beneficiaries | No. of institutional beneficiaries |
| "Project on Financial Support to Braille Presses" Under SIPD A Scheme | 2014-15 | 1 | 1,30,18,000 | 0 | Scheme was launched in 2014-15 | - | - |
| | 2015-16 | 12 | 11,83,12,743 | 53,25,000 | 14,91,932 | 11 | 8 |
| | 2016-17 | 7 | 8,39,77,668 | 53,68,396 | 1,24,45,497 | 12,002 | 319 |
| | 2017-18 | 2 | 3,50,69,848 | 2,19,33,773 | 1,66,02,584 | 44,509 | 420 |
| | 2018-19 | 4 | 3,90,59,779 | 2,75,40,453 | 197,43,547 | 37,051 | 485 |
| | 2019-20 | 0 | 86,56,789 | - | 152,43,751 | 26,695 | 324 |
| | 2020-21 | 1 | 1,06,73,378 | 3,88,63,46 | 78,76,295 | 2,812 | 148 |
| | 2021-22 | 1 | 46,69,238 | 2,55,83,138 | 132,85,882 | 7,587 | 506 |
| | 2022-23 | 0 | 0 | 3,43,15,025 | 162,22,657 | 10,846 | 1,732 |
| | 2023-24 (Till 16.05.23) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,95,848 | 639 | 27 |
| Total | 28 | 31,34,37,443 | 15,89,29,253 | 10,37,07,993 | 1,42,152 | 3,969 | |

- 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 Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs) in its 7 National Institutes (NIs) at AYJNISHD Mumbai, NIEPID Secunderabad, NIEPMD Chennai, NIEPVD Dehradun, NILD Kolkata, PDUNIPD Delhi and SVNIRTAR Cuttack and 7

Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) at Bhopal, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Nellore, Patna, Rajnandgaon and Sundernagar. **Six more new CDEIC have also been set up at 6 CRCs at Bolangir, Ranchi, Guwahati, Ahemdabad, Srinagar and Davangere.**

- 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 submitting of UCs.
- **Rs.4.41 crore has been released to 20 CDEICs at 7 National Institutes and 13 Composite Regional Centres during 2022-23.**

Major Achievements of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities during the last 9 years:

- **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.**
- The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) ISLRTC celebrated Sign Language Day on 23rd September, 2022 all over India as part of celebration under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

- Development of Android App of Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary was completed and launched in September 2022.
- Launched 4th Edition of the Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary with total 10500 terms on 23.09.2022.
- ISLRTC in collaboration with NCERT is developing e-content of ISL version of NCERT text book. So far text books of class I to VI have been converted in ISL and work is on to convert text book of class VII to XII. ISLRTC also launched the ISL version of 5 comics of NBT's Veergatha series.
- 17 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 Manipur, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu and Madhya Pradesh
- Various buildings of National Institutes & their Regional & Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) constructed at a cost of Rs. 258.82 crore to facilitate smooth service delivery to PwDs.
- 20 Cross Disability Early Identification Centres (CDEIC) (0-6 years) established at 7 National Institutes at Delhi, Dehradun, Secunderabad, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Cuttack and 13 Composite Regional Centres at Lucknow, Sundernagar, Nellore, Rajnandgaon, Kozhikode, Patna and Bhopal, Bolangir, Ranchi, Guwahati, Ahemdabad, Srinagar and Davangere.

(v) National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) :

- 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 27 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.1007.62 Crore for the benefit of 1.45 lakh PwDs.
 - The average loaning per year improved to Rs.112 Cr per year after 2014

- 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
- The repayment period for Education loan under NHFDC scheme shall be coterminous with the repayment period sanctioned by the Implementing agency. In the interest of transparency and identification, an additional condition of Possession of Unique Disability ID (UDID) Number/ UDID Enrollment Number (in case UDID No. is not available) has been stipulated as one of the essential requirement under DSY.
- 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.70.43 Crore extended in last three years for the benefit of over 17045 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 (Ekamfest 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 80343 PwDs. While it was only around 7598 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.
- 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 | 3.40 | 7598 |
| From 1st April, 2014 to 31st March, 2023 | 94.34 | 80343 |
| Total | 97.74 | 87,941 |

➤ **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 | 16713 | 112.75 |
| 2022-2023 | 18028 | 121.83 |
| Total | 145346 | 1007.62 |



➤ 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, 2023 (Since Inception to 31 st Mar. 2023) |
|---|--|--|
| Cumulative Release (Rs. Cr.) | 461 | 1469 |
| No. of Beneficiaries Assisted (No. in Lakh) | 0.91 | 2.36 |



(VI) National Trust:

Achievements of National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities in last 9 years

National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities is a statutory body constituted by an Act of Parliament. National Trust is set up to discharge two basic duties- legal and welfare. Legal duties are discharged through Local Level Committees (LLCs) and providing Legal Guardianship to Divyangjan covered under the National Trust Act. Welfare duties are discharged through schemes and activities implemented by Registered Organizations.

National Trust works with network of approx. 600 Registered Organizations (ROs) in the country. State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) have been setup at State level to liaison with concerned State Govt. Departments. At District level, Local Level Committees (LLCs) have been constituted under chairmanship of District Magistrate/ District Collector to appoint Legal Guardians (LGs) for Divyangjan covered under the National Trust Act. At city/town level, Registered Organizations (ROs) are functioning, many of whom are implementing the schemes and activities of the National Trust. Details of the activities and schemes of the National Trust are as under-

1. Registration of Organizations (ROs) -

- The National Trust registers the organizations (NGOs) in three categories – Voluntary Organisation, Association of Parents of Persons with Disabilities and Association of Persons with Disabilities whose main objective is to work for welfare and rehabilitation of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities. The National Trust implements all its schemes and programmes through these registered organizations.
- **There are over 541 Registered Organizations of National Trust in the country.**

2. State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC) -

- In order to carry out the activities of the National Trust, for its effective implementation at the state level and for coordination/liaison with the concerned State Government Departments, a reputed Registered Organization of the National Trust is appointed as State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC).
- The National Trust provides funds for conducting institutional activities namely meetings of Registered Organizations / Local Level Committee (LLCs), State

Level Coordination Committees (SLCCs), documentation / Reporting, honorarium for coordinator and misc. activities.

- **At present there are 28 SNACs in the country.**

3. Local Level Committee (LLC)-

- Section 13-17 of the National Trust Act, 1999 elaborates on constitution of Local Level Committee, Guardianship for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities by the LLC.
- Local Level Committees have been constituted in district level with Deputy Commissioner / District Collector as the Chairperson. **At present there are 745 Local Level Committees which includes Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh also.**

4. Appointment of Legal Guardians (LGs)-

- Section 14-17 of The National Trust Act, 1999 elaborates on Guardianship for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities, to be given by the Local Level Committee. Guardianship is a need based enabling provision.
- A guardian is a person, who is appointed to look after another person or his property or both. He or she assumes the care and protection of the person for whom he/she is appointed the guardian. The guardian takes all legal decisions on behalf of the person and the property of the ward.
- **So far, 32527 Legal Guardians have been appointed.**

5. Niramaya-(Health Insurance) Scheme-

- Under the scheme, Insurance cover of Rs. 1 Lakh per annum for Divyangjan covered under National Trust Act through any doctor/health care centre.
- Under the scheme, around 1 Lakh beneficiaries every year are being enrolled.
- Enrollment under the scheme is done on-line through over 541 Registered Organization in the country.
- Provision of renewal of the applications can be done directly by Parents/Guardians of Divyangjan through National Trust website.
- **During the last 9 years, enrolment of over 1 Lakh beneficiaries have been made every year in which an amount of Rs. 80.56 Cr. has been spent under the scheme.**

6. Disha (Early Intervention & School Readiness for 0-10 years) Scheme-

- Through this scheme, quality of life of several children has been improved.
- Parents of the children are also trained under the scheme to undertake this at home.

- Children are refer to Disha centre from Hospitals and Doctors for long term care and training.
- Provision of transport is available for beneficiary under the scheme.
- **During the last 9 years, National Trust has implemented 115 Disha centres benefitting around 600 beneficiaries every year. Presently, we have 33 Disha centres.**
- **An amount of Rs. 15.39 Crore has been released under the scheme during this period.**

7. Vikaas (Day Care for 10+ years) Scheme-

- Provision of transport is available for beneficiary under the scheme.
- Through Vikaas scheme, beneficiaries get opportunity to spend their time in learning interpersonal and vocational skill as they are on a transition to higher age group.
- Under Vikaas scheme beneficiaries are provided training in learning interpersonal skill. They are providing vocational training as per their capacity skill.
- **During the last 9 years, National Trust has implemented 124 Vikaas centres benefitting around 900 beneficiaries every year. Presently, we have 34 Vikaas centres.**
- **An amount of Rs. 26.94 Crore has been released under the scheme during this period.**

8. Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day Care) Scheme-

- For the Registered Organizations, who were implementing multiple schemes, an option for implementing merged scheme was given. Based on the consent given by the ROs and the scheme guidelines, 41 ROs were allotted the merged Disha-cum-Vikaas Scheme (Day Care) w.e.f. 01.04.2018.
- Provision of transport is available for beneficiary under the scheme.
- Through Disha-cum-Vikaas scheme, beneficiaries get opportunity to spend their time in learning interpersonal and vocational skill as they are on a transition to higher age group.
- Under Disha-cum-Vikaas scheme beneficiaries are provided training in learning interpersonal skill. They are providing vocational training as per their capacity skill.
- **National Trust has implemented 45 Disha-cum-Vikaas centres benefitting around 1200 beneficiaries every year.**
- **An amount of Rs. 25.96 Crore has been released under the scheme during this period.**

9. Samarth (Respite Care Residential) Scheme-

- The scheme aims also at providing opportunity for families to fulfil other responsibilities.
- Many beneficiaries were provided age specific vocational activity, pre-vocational activity and assistance for training under the scheme.
- The beneficiaries are also provided necessary medical care and treatment in the Samarth centres.
- **During the last 9 years, the scheme provided respite home facilities to around 360 Persons with Disability every year who are orphan or abandoned or from the family in crisis through 45 Samarth centres. Presently, we have 12 Samarth centres.**
- **An amount of Rs. 12.62 Crore has been incurred during the period under the scheme.**

10. Gharaunda (Group Home for Adults) Scheme-

- The scheme aims to setting up Gharaunda centre for lifelong shelter and care of Divyangjan and encourages assisted living with independence, dignity and provides care services on a sustainable basis.
- The beneficiaries are also provided necessary medical care and treatment in the Gharaunda centres.
- **During the last 9 years, the scheme provided residential home facilities to around 400 Adult Persons with Disability every year through 50 Gharaunda centres. Presently, we have 24 Gharaunda centres.**
- **An amount of Rs. 22.38 Crore has been incurred during the period under the scheme.**

11. Samarth-cum-Gharaunda (Residential) Scheme-

- For the Registered Organizations, who were implementing multiple schemes, an option for implementing merged scheme was given. Based on the consent given by the ROs and the scheme guidelines, 12 ROs were allotted the merged Samarth-cum-Gharaunda Scheme (Residential) w.e.f. 1.4.2018.
- The scheme aims to setting up Samarth-cum-Gharaunda centre for lifelong shelter and care of Divyangjan and encourages assisted living with independence, dignity and provides care services on a sustainable basis.
- The beneficiaries are also provided necessary medical care and treatment in the Samarth-cum-Gharaunda centres.
- **The scheme provided residential home facilities to around 350 Adult Persons with Disability every year through 13 Samarth-cum-Gharaunda centres.**
- **An amount of Rs. 10.84 Crore has been incurred during the period under the scheme.**

12. Other major initiatives/activities of National Trust-

1. International Workshop on Neuro-Development Therapy (NDT) in association with The Spastics Society of Tamilnadu (SPASTN) on 13th -17th October, 2014.
2. Launched 10 new/revised schemes, a new website and Scheme Management System (SMS) on 24.11.2015. A new tagline “Empowering Abilities, Creating Trust” has been adopted by the National Trust in 2015-16 through MyGov. In.
3. Organized 4 Training Programmes of Doctor’s (Pediatricians, Psychiatrists and Psychologists) as Master Trainers on Evaluation and Assessment of Autism and procedure for Certification in collaboration with Child Neurology Department, AIIMS Delhi in which 312 doctors from different part of the country trained.



Training of Doctor’s on Evaluation and Assessment of Autism and procedure for Certification

4. National Seminar on Building Legal Capacity in collaboration with Indian Law Institute on 23rd October, 2019, Delhi inaugurated by Hon’ble Justice, K.G. Balakrishnan, former Chief Justice of India and presided over by Dr. Shankuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, DEPwD.



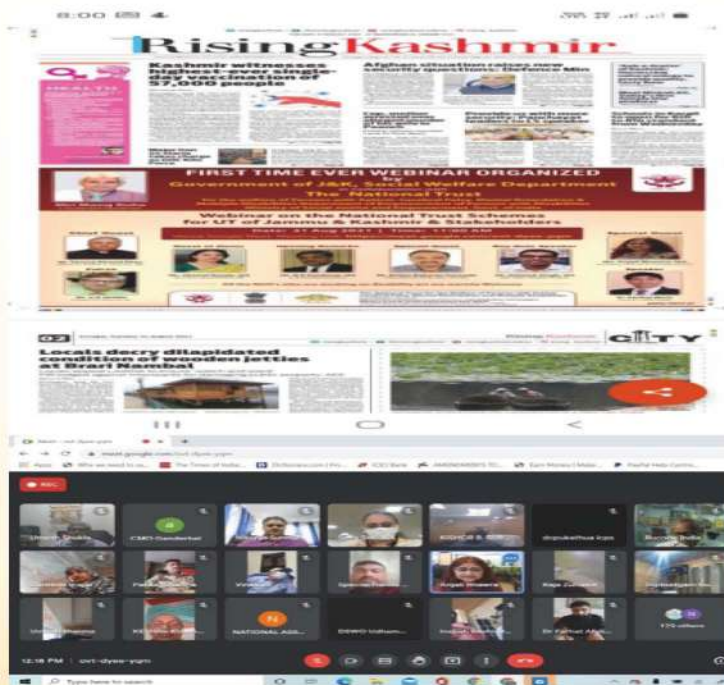
National Seminar on Building Legal Capacity/Capacity Building of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental

5. National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister, MSJE on 7th August, 2021 for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PwIDDs).



Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment addressing the National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit for PwIDDs on 7th August, 2021

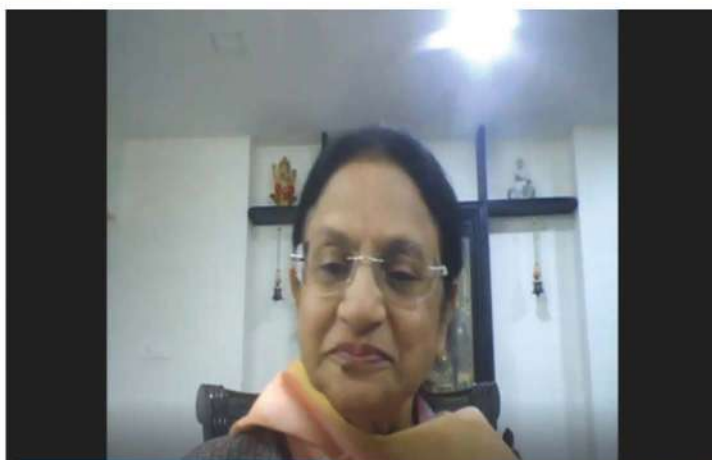
6. A Virtual Meeting with officials of the Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh was organized on 31st August 2021. Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, J&K was the Chief Guest in the meeting. Officials from DEPwD, UTs of J&K and Ladakh and a number of organizations and professionals from the two UTs participated in the meeting.



Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, J&K, Secretary, DEPwD, JS&CEO, National Trust, DDG, DEPwD and other dignitaries participating in the Virtual Meeting.



Dr. Alok Bhuwan, Manovikas Charitable Society addressing the virtual meeting



Dr. Surekha Ramchandran, President, Down Syndrome Federation giving her speech in the virtual meeting

7. A Virtual meeting on World Down Syndrome Day was organized on 21st March 2022 for creating awareness and sensitizing the community about Down syndrome. Dr. Surekha Ramchandran, President, Down Syndrome Federation addressed the virtual meeting. SNACs and ROs of the National Trust participated.

8. A Virtual Meeting on World Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April 2022 was organized in which Dr. Nidhi Singhal, Director, Research and Training, Action for Autism, Delhi shared her experience in the field of Autism. The meeting was attended by Board Members of National Trust, Project Holders of various schemes, State Nodal Agency Centres (SNACs) and Registered Organizations (ROs) of National Trust. A number of queries by participants were addressed by Dr. Singhal.



Dr. Nidhi Singhal, Director, Action for Autism and other experts during Virtual Meeting

1. The National Trust organized 4 virtual meetings under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) program on following topics :-

- (i) Early Intervention organized on 19th October, 2022. Mrs. Poonam Natrajan, Former, Chairperson, National Trust, Dr. V. Sravan Reddy, Assistant Professor in Psychiatry, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad, Dr. B.S. Santosh Kanna, Lecturer, Physiotherapy, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai, Dr. C. Tulsi Das, Deva International Society for Child Care, Varanasi were Resource Persons in the meeting. Project Holders of Disha scheme and Disha-cum-Vikaas (Day Care scheme) of the National Trust, Board Members of National Trust and a number of NGOs, Professionals and Parents attended the virtual meet.
- (ii) UDID Card/ Disability Certificate organized on 5th November, 2022. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Board Member, National Trust, Sh. Pankaj Maru, Sneha Nagda, Madhya Pradesh were Resource Persons in the meeting. The Officials of State Govt. of Assam, Registered Organizations (ROs) of National Trust and Parents attended the virtual meet. Issues and suggestions related to UDID Card/ Disability Certificate were discussed during the meeting.
- (iii) Skill Development/ Vocational Training organized on 23rd December, 2022. Mrs. Pooja Vaghasiya, Board Member, National Trust, Mr. Zaheer Abbas Jan, Rehabilitation Therapist/ Professional Social Worker, Srinagar, Kashmir, Mr. K.D. Mallikarjuna, President of Indian academy of Cerebral Palsy (IACP), India, Dr. Alok Bhuwan, State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC) of National Trust in Delhi were

Resource Persons in the meeting. The meeting was attended by Board Members of National Trust, Registered Organizations (ROs) and Parents. During the meeting, importance of Skill Development/ Vocational Training for Divyangjan for their livelihood was discussed.

- (iv) Employment/ Self Employment held on 5th January, 2023. Sh. G.S. Bedi, Board Member, National Trust, Dr. Manish Samnani, Director, SOCH Organization, Gurgaon, Dr. Gita Jyoti Ojha, Occupational Therapist, IHBAS, Dilshad Garden, Delhi and Dr. Simi Srivastava, State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC) of National Trust in Chhattisgarh were Resource Persons in the meeting. The meeting was attended by Board Members of National Trust, Registered Organizations (ROs) and Parents. During the meeting, various opportunities in Employment/ Self Employment for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PwIDDs) were discussed.
2. The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation(Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has organized a 3 days Mentors Training Program on Self Advocacy on 31st January 2023, 1st and 2nd February 2023 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Sh. Purushottam Sitaram Burde, President of PARIVAAR (National Confederation of Parents Organizations for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), Sahyadri, Mumbai, Smt. Poonam Lal Chaudhary, Special Educator, Chandigarh, Smt. Charu Shah, Trainer in PARIVAAR on Self-Advocacy Project, Mumbai, Sh. Abhay Kumar Dubey, Vice President (Central Zone) PARIVAAR and Former, Board Member of the National Trust, Jabalpur and Mrs. Pooja S. Vaghasiya, Board Member of the National Trust were Resource Persons of the 3 days training program.

A total number of 27 trainees including 16 Mentors and 11 Self Advocates were trained in the 3 days training program. The Valedictory session of the 3 days training program was conducted under Chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, National Trust on 2nd February 2023 from 3.30 PM.

The trained participants were given 'Certificate of Participation' by the Secretary, DEPwD & Chairperson, National Trust. The program has been ended on 2nd February 2023 on 5 PM followed with vote of thanks given by Sh. Umesh Kumar Shukla, Programme Director, National Trust.



Training Program on Self Advocacy held on 31st January 2023, 1st and 2nd in the presence of Secretary, DEPwD & Chairperson, National Trust

11. The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment organized a One day National Level Exhibition on ‘Talent and Scope of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PwIDDs)’ at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 3rd March 2023. The Exhibition was inaugurated by the Chairperson, National Trust and Secretary, DEPwD.

During the Exhibition, Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities showcased their talents and skills in the form of Cultural programme where Divyangjan of 9 States- Delhi, Maharashtra, Assam, Tripura, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu and Kerala were performed.

Products developed by Divyangjan were also exhibited in Stalls by the Registered Organisations of the National Trust from 13 States i.e. Assam, Tripura, Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal.

Apart from this, Dr. Shanti Auluck, Chairperson, Muskaan Parents Association, Delhi shared experience on working with PwIDDs. In addition, 2 working PwIDDs namely- Mr. Rishi Bhuttan working in MNC and Ms. Tanya is trained as Special Educator and working for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities shared their experience during the exhibition. The program ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



One day National Level Exhibition on 'Talent and Scope of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' under Chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD & Chairperson, National Trust

(VII) Major Achievements of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities during the last 09 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. 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 crore 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 crore 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 crore.
- 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.
- 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 crore 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 crore.
- State of the Art ALIMCO Auxiliary Production Centre is being setup in Faridabad, Haryana at the cost of Rs.55.00 crore. The centre is to be completed during July, 2022. The centre is to be completed during July, 2022.

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 peditricians 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 doesnt 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, she came 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, Kishnu Kheda, 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 Honble 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 Honble 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.



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 amputeehis 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 normallyhe was again back to his normal life.

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



- **Success Story of Smt. Sunita Gupta, District: Dausa, Rajasthan under the NHFDC.**



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 8 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 Jewelers 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.**

- **Success story of Ms. Rekha Devi, W/o. Sh. Rajesh Chander , R/o. Charankalan Chani, Udhampur, J&K under the NHFDC.**



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.

- **Success story of Ms. Rekha Devi, W/o. Sh. Rajesh Chander , R/o. Charankalan Chani Smt. Parmar T. Becharshin , District Sabarkantha, Gujarat under the NHFDC.**



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.

- **Success story of Ms. Seema Rani D/o Shri Gudita Ram, Patiala, Punjab under the NHFDC.**



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.
