

MINUTES OF THE 107th MEETING OF THE SCREENING COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR RELEASE OF GRANT-IN-AID UNDER AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY SCHEME

A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Deputy Director General, DEPWD on **13.04.2026 at 2.00 pm** to consider a proposal for release of Grants-in-Aid under the Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme. In the context of this meeting, it is pointed out that the Agenda item was circulated by email to the following Screening Committee Members:

(i)	Ms.RichaShanker, DDG	Chairperson
(ii)	Shri Ashish Thakare, Director (NI), DEPwD	Member
(iii)	Shri. T.D.Dhariyal, President, NAB-Delhi & Advisor, CBM India Trust, Ex Disability Commissioner	Member
(iv)	Representative of DAVP	Member
(v)	Shri Hem Chandra Jha, Representative of IFD	Member
(vi)	Shri Jasbir Singh, Deputy Secretary	Member Secretary

2. The Screening Committee Members deliberated on the following proposals and decided as tabulated below. Further, the Committee advised that in addition, the Organization/Institutes of following approved proposals **should ensure maximum participation of local PwDs and their caregivers in projects under AGP Scheme. The expenditure in organizing programmes should be in accordance with the item-wise approved rates. At the time of seeking 2nd installment, all such organizations should submit details of Resource Persons, Participants Profile, schedule of activities undertaken, other associated activities and presentations, if any, made during the event:**

3. **All organizations whose proposals have been recommended are requested to strictly adhere to the Model Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) while organizing awareness programmes in states where Legislative Assembly elections are currently in progress.**

Name of Organization/NGO	Purpose of Programme/Event	Proposed Amount by the Organization/Institutions (in Rs.)	Recommendation of the Screening Committee.
<p>AGENDA NO. 1</p> <p>CRC, Bhopal</p> <p>Physical copy received</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>One Day awareness program and CRC Bhopal New First Floor Building Inauguration</p> <p>Duration – 1 Day Date – 10th June, 2026 Venue- CRC Bhopal building No. of Participants- 500 Details – Aware Parents, Divyangjans and students for disability rehabilitation & management awareness</p>	<p>Rs.5,00,000/-</p>	<p>The Screening Committee did not recommend the proposal as any kind of Inauguration event doesn't come under the purview of the AGP Scheme.</p>
<p>AGENDA NO. 2</p> <p>CRC, Ahmedabad</p> <p>Received through Mail</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>Purple Fair & In-service training</p> <p>Duration – 2 Days Date – 19th & 20th June, 2026 Venue- Moti Daman, Daman No. of Participants- 450 Details – The Purple Fair is a special event organized to support and celebrate persons with disabilities. It helps raise awareness, promote inclusion, and show the talents and abilities of people with disabilities. The fair includes fun activities, performance, exhibitions, and information stalls.</p>	<p>Rs.8,34,000/-</p>	<p>The Screening Committee recommended the proposal for an amount of Rs.8,34,000/- or actual whichever is lower.</p>
<p>AGENDA NO. 3</p> <p>Gopalakrishnan Foundation for the Deaf</p> <p>Received through Mail</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>Assistance under awareness generation and publicity (AGP) Scheme for FY 2026-27- Women's Personal Health & Menstrual Hygiene Project-Coalition of the Wiling</p> <p>Duration – 5 months Date – April to September, 2026 Venue- Maharashtra No. of Participants- 30 students per session</p>	<p>Rs.90,563/- per batch of 30 Students.</p>	<p>The Screening Committee recommended the proposal for an amount of Rs.76,000/- (Rs.15,200 x 5) or actual whichever is lower in deaf schools in Aspirational districts.</p> <p>The Screening Committee preferred conducting the program (at Agenda No. 3 & 4) together in the same venue and same day.</p>

	<p>Details – To generate awareness regarding personal health and menstrual hygiene among 3,500 deaf adolescent girls through accessible communication and expert-led sessions.</p>		<p>The Committee also recommended integrating digital tools such as Aditi AI (08076551617) and the Divya Chatbot (9646622622) into learning resources to enhance engagement and inclusivity.</p>
<p>AGENDA NO. 4</p> <p>Gopalakrishnan Foundation for the Deaf</p> <p>Received through Mail</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>Assistance under awareness generation and publicity (AGP) Scheme Parent Orientation</p> <p>Duration – 5 months Date – April to September, 2026 Venue- Urban and Rural locations in Maharashtra No. of Participants- 30 parents per session Details – To Sensitize Parents of deaf children about deafness, promote early adoption of Indian Sign Language, and improve communication for better social inclusion of PwDs</p>	<p>Rs.93,713/- per batch of 30 parents.</p>	<p>The Screening Committee recommended the proposal for an amount of Rs.76,000/- (Rs.15,200 x 5) or actual whichever is lower in deaf schools in Aspirational districts.</p> <p>The Screening Committee preferred conducting the program (at Agenda No. 3 & 4) together in the same venue and same day.</p> <p>The Committee also recommended integrating digital tools such as Aditi AI (08076551617) and the Divya Chatbot (9646622622) into learning resources to enhance engagement and inclusivity.</p>
<p>AGENDA NO. 5</p> <p>Gopalakrishnan Foundation for the Deaf</p> <p>Received through Mail</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>Assistance under awareness generation and publicity (AGP) Scheme for FY 2026-27- Financial Literacy for Deaf Young Adults- Coalition of the Wiling</p> <p>Duration – 5 months Date – April to September, 2026 Venue- Urban/Rural/Aspirational Districts No. of Participants- 30 participants per session Details – To generate awareness regarding financial literacy among 5,000 deaf young adults through accessible communication and expert-led sessions.</p>	<p>Rs.97,913/- per batch of 30 participants.</p>	<p>The Screening Committee directed the organization to undertake the proposal on financial literacy through short videos, to be disseminated via appropriate platforms to target beneficiaries.</p>

<p>AGENDA NO. 6</p> <p>Gopalakrishnan Foundation for the Deaf</p> <p>Received through Mail</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>Assistance under awareness generation and publicity (AGP) Scheme for FY 2026-27- for Corporate Sensitization Workshops</p> <p>Duration – 5 months Date – April to September, 2026 Venue- Urban (Corporate offices and industrial hubs) No. of Participants- 30 employees per session Details – To Sensitize corporate leadership and employees on deafness and sign language, nudging organizations to explore inclusive hiring practices and create professional opportunities for Deaf individuals.</p>	<p>Rs.98,438/- per batch of 30 employees.</p>	<p>The Screening Committee observed that such a workshop would be more appropriately undertaken under the Divyang Kaushal Yojana (DKY), as its objectives and activities align more closely with the scope and provisions of DKY.</p>
<p>AGENDA NO. 7</p> <p>Composite Regional Center for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Guwahati</p> <p>Received through Mail</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>One-Day Sensitization on Early Intervention in High-Risk Children</p> <p>Duration – 1 Day Date – 19th May, 2026 Venue - Aspirational district, Dhubri No. of Participants- 310 Details – To raise awareness in Dhubri district on early detection and intervention for children with developmental delays, and strengthen frontline workers' capacity (health staff, AWWs, ASHAs, teachers).</p>	<p>Rs.1,80,337 /-</p>	<p>The Screening Committee recommend the proposal for an amount of Rs.1,44,900/- And also advised that participants should be approximately 200.</p>
<p>AGENDA NO. 8</p> <p>Composite Regional Center for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Guwahati</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>One-Day Sensitization on Early Intervention in High-Risk Children</p> <p>Duration – 1 Day Date – 25th May, 2026 Venue - Aspirational district, Udalguri</p>	<p>Rs.1,80,337 /-</p>	<p>The Screening Committee asked to resubmit the proposal along with report of the program at Agenda No. 7</p>

Received through Mail	No. of Participants- 310 Details – To raise awareness in Udalguri district on early detection and intervention for children with developmental delays, and strengthen frontline workers' capacity (health staff, AWWs, ASHAs, teachers).		
AGENDA NO. 9 Composite Regional Center for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Guwahati Received through Mail	<u>Details About Programme:-</u> One-Day Sensitization on Early Intervention in High-Risk Children Duration – 1 Day Date – 28 th May, 2026 Venue - Aspirational district, Baksa No. of Participants- 310 Details – To raise awareness in Baksa district on early detection and intervention for children with developmental delays, and strengthen frontline workers' capacity (health staff, AWWs, ASHAs, teachers).	Rs.1,80,337 /-	The Screening Committee asked to resubmit the proposal along with report of the program at Agenda No. 7
AGENDA NO. 10 CRCSRE Shillong Received through Portal	<u>Details About Programme:-</u> Purple Fair Duration – 1 Day Date – 18 th June, 2026 Venue- South West Garo Hills District No. of Participants- 150 Details – To support the NGOs including Special School and Institution working in the field of Disabilities to witness the strength and capability of PWDs in the Purple Fair	Rs.5,50,000 /-	The Screening Committee recommended the proposal for an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- or actual whichever is less as per Annexure-I . The Committee also directed the CRC to submit a report within 15 days of the event.
AGENDA NO. 11 CRCSRE Shillong Received through Portal	<u>Details About Programme:-</u> Purple Fair Date – 23rd July, 2026 Venue- East Garo Hills District No. of Participants- 150	Rs.5,50,000 /-	The Screening Committee asked to resubmit the proposal along with report of the program under Agenda No. 10 .

	Details – To support the NGOs including Special School and Institution working in the field of Disabilities to witness the strength and capability of PWDs in the Purple Fair		
AGENDA NO. 12 CRCSRE Shillong Received through Portal	<u>Details About Programme:-</u> Purple Fair Date – 20 th August, 2026 Venue- South Garo Hills District No. of Participants- 150 Details – To support the NGOs including Special School and Institution working in the field of Disabilities to witness the strength and capability of PWDs in the Purple Fair	Rs.5,50,000/-	The Screening Committee asked to resubmit the proposal along with report of the program under Agenda No. 10
AGENDA NO. 13 Samarthyam Physical Copy Received	<u>Details About Programme:-</u> Handbook Air Travel: Sensitization and Training Duration – 20 days for updation of the Handbook and 1/2 Day event for Launch Date – Not decided yet (As per availability of concerned Secretaries) Venue – India International Centre No. of Participants- 30 Details – Print 500 copies for launch/ release by Secretary, DEPwD and Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, GOI	Rs.1,31,500/-	The Screening Committee observed that the proposal does not fall within the purview of the AGP Scheme.
AGENDA NO. 14 National Association for the Blind, New Delhi	<u>Details About Programme:-</u> Annual Maintenance & Support Proposal (For DEPwD AI Chatbot and Voice Agent ‘Divya’) Duration – 1 Year Details - During 2025, National Association for the	Rs.14,20,000/- [In-principle approval of Secretary, DEPwD has already been taken.]	The Screening Committee recommended the proposal for an amount of Rs.14,20,000/- including GST, keeping in view justified requirement of maintenance/updation of existing Divya Bot.

	<p>Blind (NAB Delhi) has created a AI powered Chatbot service for DEPwD schemes. Now that this DIVYA AI Service has been deployed and has been found to be useful, This proposal is for maintenance of the service with necessary upgradation.</p>		
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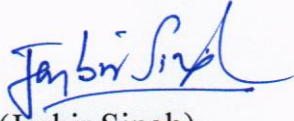


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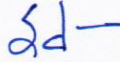
- (i) NI/CRC/NGO required to submit bills/Vouchers along with UCs within 15 days of event. If not submitted within time line, not any subsequent proposal of the respective defaulter NI/CRC will be entertained for fund release under AGP Scheme.
- (ii) No funds for quarter 3 would be released till utilization of funds of quarter 1 & 2 calendar days and submission of requisite bills/vouchers by respective NIs/CRCs.
- (iii) Feedback and video of the organized event must be sent to the Department through mail i.e. awarenessdd4@gmail.com while claiming 2nd instalment.
- (iv) Inter-component variability may be permitted in rare conditions, but such variability should not normally exceed 5% of original estimate.
- (v) For all AGP events, the committee suggested that NI/CRC may utilize services of their own Sign Language Interpreters. Further local PwDs to be mobilized properly for participation and performance. Outside participants and performers be limited to a minimum.
- (vi) Purple Fair to utilize local purple ambassadors, local artists, social media influencers & PwD anchors to the extent possible.
- (vii) Care to be taken not to repeat PwDs in different Purple Fairs. Local special schools/NGOs etc. to be invited for showcasing their talent and best practices may be shared for empowerment of PwDs through panel discussion/ other engagements in the side events of Purple Fairs.
- (viii) All the organizations are asked to submit their detailed report considering the above points after completion of the event.
- (ix) In awareness-related programmes, the awareness material is to be shared with the Department in advance of the event.
- (x) In the proposals where Resource Persons are included, the organization shall clearly indicate the total number of Resource Persons proposed, along with their individual details such as name, designation, area of expertise, and proposed honorarium.
- (xi) All NIs/CRCs/NGOs/any other organizations are requested to send their proposals at least two month prior to the date of the event for smooth processing and timely approval.



(xii) The committee also directed all the NIs/CRCs to mandatorily adopt a QR Code system (created by the Department) for the registration of visitors/participants in events to be organized under the AGP Scheme to capture real-time data of attendees.



(Jasbir Singh)
Member Secretary



(T.D. Dhariyal)
Member



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Fri, Apr 24, 2026 at 12:32 PM

Being a member of the Screening Committee of the AGP Scheme, I hereby agree with the minutes of the 107th Screening Committee meeting for grants under AGP Scheme.

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Hem Chandra Jha

Under Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

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Tue, Apr 28, 2026 at 12:33 PM

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Dear Madam,

I concur with the minutes of the 107 the meeting.

Warm regards

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Patron, Special Olympics Bharat,
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AGENDA NO. 2 CRC, Ahmedabad Received through Mail	<u>Details About Programme:-</u> Purple Fair & In-service training Duration – 2 Days Date – 19 th & 20 th June,2026 Venue- Moti Daman, Daman No. of Participants- 450 Details – The Purple Fair is a special event organized to support and celebrate persons with disabilities. It helps raise awareness, promote inclusion, and show the talents and abilities of people with disabilities. The fair includes fun activities, performance, exhibitions, and information stalls.
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Budget Break-up

SL No	Particulars	Fund Sought In Rupees	Recommendation of Members of the SC
1.	Venue (open ground or Government property will be provided by Concerned Districts administration)	Nil	Nil
2.	Stage set up (Stage with ramps, Sound system, Lights, LED, backdrop, chairs, Tables) and Stalls (Stalls with chairs, Tables to showcase and sell product made by PwDs. Photography and Videography)	2,75,000/-	2,75,000/-
3.	Travelling cost for participants, / PwDs/Special Schools & Local Conveyance to PwDs	1,50,000 /- or actual	1,50,000 /- or actual
4.	Food (Including Tea and snacks, veg Packet Lunch for Officials/ participants/ PwDs.)	1,00,000/-	1,00,000/-
5.	Honorarium for Divyang performers (Only for those PwDs who have performed or participated)	1,00,000/- or whichever is less	1,00,000/- or whichever is less
6.	Honorarium for Anchor, Choreographer and others	20,000/-	20,000/-
7.	Publicity in Newspaper, Handouts, Banners,	25,000/- or whichever is less.	25,000/- or whichever is less.
8.	Miscellaneous and contingency	80,000	80,000
	Total	Rs.7,50,000/- or actual (whichever is less)	Rs.7,50,000/- or actual (whichever is less)

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Budget Break-up

SL No.	Cost Break-up	Fund Sought In Rupees	Recommendation of Members of the SC
1.	Program Kit (Content, handouts, posters, pen and pad) subject to a ceiling of Rs.200/- max per kit	14,000	14,000
2.	Breakfast, working Lunch/tea/coffee subject to a ceiling of Rs.400/- max for 70 participants + 10 extra (Resource persons + Coordinator)	32,000	32,000
3.	Honorarium to Resource persons subject to a ceiling of Rs.1500/- max per day person	3,000	3,000
4.	Hall rent	10,000	10,000
5.	Video, Photography, back drop and banner	20,000	20,000
6.	Miscellaneous and Contingency	5,000	5,000
	TOTAL	84,000	84,000

AGENDA NO. 3 Gopalakrishnan Foundation for the Deaf Received through Mail	<u>Details About Programme:-</u> Assistance under awareness generation and publicity (AGP) Scheme for FY 2026-27- Women's Personal Health & Menstrual Hygiene Project- Coalition of the Wiling Duration – 5 months Date – April to September, 2026 Venue- To be specified based on local tie-ups No. of Participants- 30 students per session Details – To generate awareness regarding personal health and menstrual hygiene among 3,500 deaf adolescent girls through accessible communication and expert-led sessions.
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Budget Break-up

SL No.	Cost Break-up	Fund Sought In Rupees	Recommendation of Members of the SC
1.	Venue	5,000	00
2.	Refreshments (Rs.150 x 50)	7,500	7,500
3.	Publicity Materials and Banners	8,000	4,000 (Share such materials prior to the event.)
4.	Honorarium for Resource person and TA/DA of Resource persons, if justified	25,000 (Rs.12,500 x 2)	00
5.	Honorarium for Sign Language Interpreter	8,500	2,000
6.	AV Equipment Hire per camp	1,000	00
7.	Medical Counsellor	5,000	00
8.	Stationery	1,000	1,000
9.	Learning Resources	20,000	00
10.	Certificate (Rs.175 x 30)	5,250	00 (use already existing materials)
11.	Miscellaneous & Contingency	4,313	700
	TOTAL	90,563	15,200/-

AGENDA NO. 4	<u>Details About Programme:-</u>
Gopalakrishnan Foundation for the Deaf	Assistance under awareness generation and publicity (AGP) Scheme Parent Orientation
Received through Mail	Duration – 5 months Date – April to September, 2026 Venue- Urban and Rural locations No. of Participants- 30 parents per session Details – To Sensitize Parents of deaf children about deafness, promote early adoption of Indian Sign Language, and improve communication for better social inclusion of PwDs

Budget Break-up

SL No.	Cost Break-up	Fund Sought In Rupees	Recommendation of Members of the SC
1.	Venue	5,000	00
2.	Refreshments (Rs.150 x 40)	6,000	6,000
3.	Publicity Materials and Banners	8,000	4,000
4.	Honorarium for Resource person and TA/DA of Resource persons, if justified	25,000 (Rs.12,500 x 2)	00
5.	Honorarium for Sign Language Interpreter	8,500	2,000
6.	Audiologist/medical expert	5,000	00
7.	AV Equipment Hire per Camp	1,000	00
8.	Parents Counsellor	5,000	2,000
9.	Stationery	500	500
10.	Learning Resources	20,000	00
11.	Certificate (Rs.175 x 30)	5,250	00
12.	Miscellaneous & Contingency	4,463	700
	TOTAL	93,713	15,200/-

AGENDA NO. 7	<u>Details About Programme:-</u>
Composite Regional Center for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Guwahati	One-Day Sensitization on Early Intervention in High-Risk Children
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Budget Break-up

SL No.	Cost Break-up	Fund Sought In Rupees	Recommendation of Members of the SC
1.	Stage Decoration/ Hall Arrangement (Hall rent, Chair Table, table, Audio visual, stage etc)	35,000	35,000
2.	Training kits (File, pen, note etc)	23,250	23,000
3.	Working lunch (2 tea, lunch, water bottles) including inaugural tea/snacks for guests	1,08,500	75,000 (Rs.300 x 250) Participants should be not more than 200 for better management.
4.	Resource fee including local conveyance	2,000 (Rs.1000 x 2)	2,000
5.	Travel expenses for coordinator	00	00
6.	Media prints/ news	3,000 (Rs.1500 x 2)	3,000
7.	Miscellaneous	8,587	6,900
	TOTAL	1,80,337	1,44,900

<p>AGENDA NO. 14</p> <p>National Association for the Blind, New Delhi</p> <p>Received through Mail.</p>	<p><u>Details About Programme:-</u></p> <p>Annual Maintenance & Support Proposal (For DePwD AI Chatbot and Voice Agent 'Divya')</p> <p>Duration – 1 Year</p> <p>Details - During 2025, National Association for the Blind (NAB Delhi) has created a AI powered Chatbot service for DEPwD schemes. Now that this DIVYA AI Service has been deployed and has been found to be useful, This proposal is for maintenance of the service with necessary upgradation.</p>
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Budget Break-up

SL No.	Items	Annual Cost (in Rs.)	Recommendation of Members of the SC
1.	Forward-deployed Software Engineers to assist with maintaining and updating the AI agent solution.	6,00,000	6,00,000
2.	Project Manager (Technical)	3,60,000	3,60,000
3.	Implementation consultant to oversee project execution	2,00,000	2,00,000
4.	Infrastructure costs (e.g., database, cloud, tooling costs)	2,60,000	2,60,000
	TOTAL	14,20,000 (inclusive of all taxes)	14,20,000 (inclusive of all taxes)

ANNEXURE-I**Item wise Budget ceiling for One day Purple Fair**

SL No	Particulars	Qty	Rate	Recommendation of the SC
1	Venue (open ground or Government property will be provided by Concerned Districts administration)		-	Nil
2	Stage set up (Stage with ramps, Sound system, Lights, LED, backdrop, chairs, Tables) and Stalls* (Stalls with chairs, Tables to showcase and sell product made by PwDs. Photography and Videography)		Rs.5000/- per stall or actual (whichever is less)	2,25,000/-
3	Travelling cost for participants, / PwDs/Special Schools & Local Conveyance to PwDs	For PwDs only		1,00,000 /- or actual
4	Food (Including Tea and snacks, veg Packet Lunch for Officials/ participants/ PwDs.)		Rs.300/ person	50,000/-
5	Honorarium for Divyang performers (Only for those PwDs who have performed or participated)		Rs.1000/- per Divyang performer	50,000/-
6	Honorarium for Anchor, Choreographer and others		ISL Interpreter – 2000 Anchor - 2000	10,000/-
7	Publicity in Newspaper, Handouts, Banners,			25,000/- or actual (whichever is less)
8	Miscellaneous and contingency			40,000/-
9.	Total			Rs.5,00,000/- or actual (whichever is less)

**Around 20 stalls on products/services for/by PwDs.*

Note- CSR Funding may be arranged to cater to any additional expenditure or otherwise.