

**MINUTES OF THE 106<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SCREENING COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR RELEASE OF GRANT-IN-AID UNDER AWARENESS GENERATION & PUBLICITY SCHEME**

A meeting (through circulation) was held under the Chairpersonship of Deputy Director General, DEPwD 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 on 10.03.2026 and the comments were sought by 05.30 P.M. on 10.03.2026 to the following Screening Committee Members.

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| (i)   | Ms. Richa Shanker, DDG, DEPwD  | - Chairperson      |
| (ii)  | Shri Ashish Thakare, Director (NI), DEPwD  | - Member           |
| (iii) | Shri T.D. Dhariyal, President,<br>NAB-Delhi & Advisor CBM India Trust, Ex<br>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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

Name of Organization/NGO	Purpose of Programme/Event	Proposed Amount by the Organization/ Institutions (in Rs.)	Recommendation of the Screening Committee.
AGENDA NO. 1  CRC, Ranchi  By Mail	<b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b>  To create awareness about Sign Language and its role in promoting inclusivity.  Duration – 1 Day Date – 28 <sup>th</sup> April,2026 Venue- Ranchi (not in their compound) No. of Participants- 50 Details – To equip participants with basic Sign Language skills. To sensitize participants about the challenges faced by the deaf and	Rs.32,700 /-	The Screening Committee did not recommend the proposal and directed that the same may be resubmitted along with the awareness material proposed to be used during the programme.

	hard-of-hearing community and strategies to overcome them.		
<b>AGENDA NO. 2</b>  Gopalakrishnan Foundation for the Deaf In association with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)	<b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b>  Creating QR code-based videos in Indian sign language for 41 ASI sites	<b>Rs.1,93,520/-</b>	The Screening Committee recommended an amount of <b>Rs.47,200/-</b> or the actual expenditure, whichever is less, on a pilot basis starting with 10 sites.  Committee's further directions:  (i) The details/names of the proposed 10 ASI sites may kindly be furnished.  (ii) Initial financial support up to 20% of the proposed amount may be considered. However, clarification may be provided regarding the source of the remaining 80% of the funding required for the project.  (iii) The organization may also furnish an undertaking stating that no Grant-in-Aid (GIA) has been obtained or will be obtained from any other Ministry/Department of the Central or State Government for the same proposal.
<b>AGENDA NO. 3</b>  Family of Shirdi Sai Baba Physical Copy Received	<b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b>  Awareness Raising and Accessibility walk in Delhi: on accessible public transportation system and safe roads for PwDs in alignment with Accessible India Campaign, RPwD Act 2016 and SOP on Road safety developed by DEPwD.  Duration -3 Days Date - 3 days in March & April Venue- Urban areas of Delhi No. of Participants- 180 (60 each for 3 days)	<b>Rs.2,60,400 /-</b>	The Screening Committee did not recommend the proposal as of now, observing that the month of March in Delhi is not suitable for organizing an Accessibility Walk.

<p><b>AGENDA NO. 4</b></p> <p>Samarthyam Physical Received Copy</p>	<p><b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b></p> <p>Handbook Air Travel: Sensitization and Training</p> <p>Duration – 1/2 Day event for Launch Date – Not decided yet (As per availability of concerned Secretaries) Venue – New Delhi No. of Participants- 30 Details – Print 500 copies for launch/ release by Secretary, DEPwD and Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, GOI</p>	<p><b>Rs.68,250/-</b></p>	<p>The Screening Committee recommended that AIC Section may undertake this task, with the possibility of seeking assistance from the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Samarthyam in the future.</p>
<p><b>AGENDA NO. 5</b></p> <p>NIEPVD, Dehradun By Mail</p>	<p><b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b></p> <p>Divya Laughter Champ of India: A Stand-Up Comedy Pan India Competition for Divyangjans</p> <p>Duration – 1 Day Date – January-March ,2026 Venue- NIEPVD-Online Details – To empower and engage visually impaired Divyangjan from India by providing them a platform to express themselves through humour and creativity. The event aims to build confidence, showcase talent, foster inclusion, and raise awareness about the capabilities and perspectives of persons with visual impairments.</p>	<p><b>Rs.2,95,313/-</b></p>	<p>The Screening Committee has directed that the event be made inclusive for persons with all categories of disabilities. The proposal may be resubmitted in continuation to any other mega event for better coverage.</p>
<p><b>AGENDA NO. 6</b></p> <p>NIEPID By Mail</p>	<p><b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b></p> <p>Public awareness about adult persons with Intellectual Disabilities skills, talent and employment for the society.</p> <p>Duration – 1 Day Date – March, 2026 Venue – MSEC/RC Noida No. of Participants- 300 (150 participants and 150 escorts) Details – To create the public awareness about Adult Persons with intellectual Disabilities Skills, Talent and Employment for the Society.</p>	<p><b>Rs.9,55,000/-</b></p>	<p>The Screening Committee advised that <b>Purple Fair</b> for an amount of <b>Rs.5,00,000/-</b> or actual whichever is less as per <b>Annexure-I</b>.</p>

<p><b>AGENDA NO. 7</b></p> <p>CRC, Gorakhpur By Mail</p> <p>(As mentioned in the minutes of the 101<sup>st</sup> meeting, the proposal for organizing the Purple Fair at Sant Kabir Nagar was to be considered after completion of the Sidharthnagar programme.)</p>	<p><b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b></p> <p>Purple Fair</p> <p>Duration – 1 Day Date – 25th March,2026 Venue- Sant Kabir Nagar District HQ No. of Participants- 700-800 Details – To promote awareness on disability inclusion, provide sports opportunities for pWDs, distribute aids and appliances, showcase assistive technologies, and conduct placement counselling in an Aspirational District.The programme aims to connect PwDs with rehabilitation iervices, livelihood opportunities, and government welfare schemes.</p>	<p><b>Rs.5,00,000/-</b></p>	<p>The Screening Committee recommend the proposal for an amount of <b>Rs.5,00,000/-</b> or actual whichever is less as per <b>Annexure- I.</b></p>
<p><b>AGENDA NO. 8</b></p> <p>AYJNISHD(D), RC, Secunderabad</p> <p>By Mail</p>	<p><b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b></p> <p>Development of 6 Short Films for Public Sensitization</p> <p>Duration – 6 Months Project Date – Nil Venue – Nil No. of Participants- Online Mode (Maximum reach through social media/websites) Details – The videos will help in prevention of hearing, speech and language disorders, improve care and maintenance of hearing aids and cochlear implants, prevent bullying of children with hearing impairment.</p> <p>A Joint collaboration between AYJNISHD, Mumbai with Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune</p>	<p><b>Rs.41,50,000/-</b></p>	<p>The Screening Committee did not recommend the proposal and suggested that the concerned organization may send the proposal to NI Section, DEPwD for getting the film developed utilizing the Advertising &amp; publicity head under NI.</p>
<p><b>AGENDA NO. 9</b></p> <p>Ms Jiya Rai By Mail</p>	<p><b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b></p> <p>Financial Assistance for Int. Para Swimmer-Ms Jiya Rai Duration – 1 Day Date –16<sup>th</sup> August,2026 Venue- New York (Manhattan) No. of Participants- 700-800 Details – She will be attempting to swim 20 Bridges swim around New York. After successful completion of swim she will become World’s First Female Para swimmer to complete triple crown</p>	<p><b>Rs.21,15,000</b></p>	<p>The Screening Committee did not recommend the proposal and advised that the same may be sought by National Fund.</p>

	of open water swimming.		
<b>AGENDA NO. 10</b>  Society for welfare of the Handicapped Physical copy received	<b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b>  Regional Exhibition for showcasing of product by special children  Duration – 3 Days Date –15,16 & 17 <sup>th</sup> May,2026 Venue- Amar Gardens Place, Patiala, Punjab No. of Participants- 150-180 Details – Participating states are Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand. Items will be – Recycled material, hand made bags, Painting, Wax candles, Hand painted cloth items, clay pottery items, Cushion covers.	<b>Rs.16,78,000</b>	The Screening Committee did not recommend the proposal. However, the Committee advised that the organization may consider showcasing the products made by special children during the upcoming Purple Fair at Chandigarh.
<b>AGENDA NO. 11</b>  All India Federation of the Deaf Physical copy received  (Resubmitted after rejection in 104 <sup>th</sup> SC Meeting)	<b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b>  Indian Sign Language Conference  Duration – 2 Days Date – 25-26 <sup>th</sup> April ,2026 Venue – NDMC Convention Centre, Sansad Marg, New Delhi No. of Participants- 300 Details – (i) Advocate for the promotion of Indian Sign Language as a natural language of the Deaf Community (ii) Strengthen policy dialogue on ISL interpretation, education and accessibility. (iii) Build capacity among Deaf leaders, educators, interpreters and Policymakers	<b>Rs.8,55,750/- + GST</b>	The Screening Committee did not recommend the proposal.

<p><b>AGENDA NO. 12</b></p> <p>All India Federation of the Deaf Physical copy received</p> <p>(Resubmitted after rejection in 104<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting)</p>	<p><b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b></p> <p>Sign Language Training &amp; Workshop</p> <p>Duration – 5 Days Date – 20-24<sup>th</sup> April ,2026 Venue – AIFD Campus, New Delhi No. of Participants- 60+ Details – To provide a National Platform for discussion on development, standardization and implementation of Indian Sign Language of Indian Deaf Community.</p>	<p><b>Rs.5,53,875/- + GST</b></p>	<p>The Committee recommend the proposal.</p> <p>Screening did not the</p>
<p><b>AGENDA NO. 13</b></p> <p>National Divyangjan Finance &amp; Development Corporation (NDFDC), New Delhi &amp; Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Ranchi</p>	<p><b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b></p> <p>Divya Kala Mela and Divya Kala Shakti at Ranchi, Jharkhand</p> <p>Duration – 11 Days Date – 29<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (DKM) &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> September (DKS) Venue – Harmu Maidan, Ranchi, Jharkhand</p>	<p><b>Rs.1,37,23,000/-</b></p>	<p>The Committee recommended the proposal for an amount of <b>Rs.75,00,000/-</b> or the permissible amount whichever is less for organizing Divya Kala Mela by NDFDC and an amount of <b>Rs.20,00,000/-</b> or the permissible amount whichever is less for organizing Divya Kala Shakti by CRC Ranchi</p> <p><i>This proposal was placed in 95<sup>th</sup> SCM earlier, but due to some inadvertent error in the minutes, the said minutes may be treated as withdrawn.</i></p>

**NOTE:**

- (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](mailto:awarenessdd4@gmail.com) while claiming 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

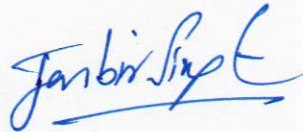
(viii) All the organizations are asked to submit their detailed report considering the above points after completion of the event.

(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.



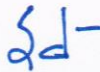
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Wed, Mar 18, 2026 at 3:45 PM

Gone through the minutes of the 106th Meeting of the Screening Committee and being a member of the committee I am agreeable to the same.

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Hem Chandra Jha

Under Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

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Dear Madam,

I concur with the minutes.

Warm regards

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<b>AGENDA NO. 2</b>	<b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b>	<b>Rs.1,93,520/-</b>
Gopalakrishnan Foundation for the Deaf In association with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)	Creating QR code-based videos in Indian sign language for 41 ASI sites	

**Budget Break-up**

SL No.	Cost Break-up	Fund Sought In Rupees	Recommendation of Members of the SC
1.	HD-video production cost	20,000	20,000
2.	QR-Code Generation and Mapping to the produced video	2,000	2,000
3.	2 year server hosting charges	1600	1600
	TOTAL per site	23,600	23,600
	TOTAL for 41 sites	9,67,600	2,36,000 ( for 10 sites)
	<b>DEPwD Share (20 % of Rs.9,67,600)</b>	<b>1,93,520</b>	<b>47,200</b> <b>(20% of Rs.2,36,000/-)</b>

<b>AGENDA NO. 13</b>	<b><u>Details About Programme:-</u></b>	<b>Rs.1,37,23,000/-</b>
National Divyangjan Finance & Development Corporation (NDFDC), New Delhi & Composite Regional Centres (CRC), Ranchi	Divya Kala Mela and Divya Kala Shakti at Ranchi, Jharkhand  Duration – 11 Days Date – 29 <sup>th</sup> August to 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 Venue – HarmuMaidan, Ranchi, Jharkhand	

**BUDGET BREAK-UP**

<b>Divya Kala Mela-Ranchi</b>			
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Particulars/ Components</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure incurred by NDFDC</b>	<b>Recommendation of the Member of the Screening Committee</b>
1.	Cost of Hiring of Land/Space/ Ground for Exhibition	7.50	5.20
2.	Cost of assembling /fabrication/hiring of Exhibition & Awareness stalls (100 for 100 or more participants) including Awareness Lounge for media and other infrastructure for awareness with statutory compliances etc.	39.29	32.00
3.	Tea / Snacks, water and Lunch for 150 People including Guests and officials during the exhibition including visits of VIPs and media persons during the evening programmes	2.00	2.00
4.	Hiring Charges for Anchors, artists/cultural Groups for daily cultural programmes during the exhibition.	5.00	1.50
5.	Sound System, Light, Photography, Videography and flower arrangements during the Exhibition.	5.00	5.00
6.	Printing of backdrop, Banners, Hoardings and Pamphlets, Radio Jingles, Social Media awareness and advertisement twice in newspapers, affixing Hoardings at prominent places etc.	8.00	5.30
7.	TA/DA, Stay arrangements charges for 100 or more PwD beneficiaries including escorts/representatives of the organization working for PwDs	20.30	17.00
8.	Transportation of officials and guests, Media persons etc.	2.50	2.50
9.	(i) Administrative overhead/ Implementation for organizing Divya Kala Mela (ii) Miscellaneous/Contingencies.	4.00	1.00
10.	Administrative Expenses (5% of Maximum cost) towards hiring manpower for organizing the Divya Kala Mela	5.00	3.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>98.59</b>	<b>75.00</b>

<b>Divya Kala Shakti – Ranchi</b>			
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Particulars/ Components</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure incurred</b>	<b>Recommendation of the Member of the Screening Committee</b>
1.	Stage & Venue decoration (including flower decoration)	200000	00
2.	Makeup & Minimal costumes for cultural programmer	50000	00
3.	Branding including logo design, theme, colours, theme video, Title music etc.	100000	50000
4.	Remuneration for Divyang Artists ( Song & Music) – 95 persons	475000	400000
5.	Remuneration for Divyang Artists (Painting & Drama) – 5 persons	10000	
6.	Travel expenses of Divyang participants & escorts for 200 persons x Rs.5000/-	1000000	
7.	Accommodation for 220 participants, their escorts & organizer in double/triple sharing rooms for 5 days ( Rs.1000 per person x 5 days)	1100000	1000000
8.	Local transportation for participants & their escorts	100000	75000
9.	Dinner /food packets after cultural programs (for invitees/guests/technician/police etc.) for 900 persons	50000	54000
10.	Snacks before cultural program – for 40 persons VVIPs	14000	
11.	Choreography – services, stay, travel food for team	300000	200000
12.	Registration, Screening, communication, data handling, designing, music track preparation, editing etc.	60000	50000
13.	Files, folders, interpreter, inaugural lamp, tables, chairs & other arrangements of cultural programs	50000	00
14.	Temporary green room for Divyang participants including fabric walls & ceiling to prevent rain near Stage including lights, fans 80 chairs & 5 tables	80000	50000
15.	Temporary ramp for food, venue & other locations of venue as required	100000	00
16.	DA to Artists and their escorts @ 125 for each persons x 200 persons	25000	25000
17.	Miscellaneous/Contingencies/Photography, Videography, Banner, ID card & Flower	150000	96000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,64,000</b>	<b>20,00,000</b>

**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.	<b>Total</b>			<b>Rs.5,00,000/- or actual (whichever is less)</b>

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

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