



**SCHEMES AT A GLANCE
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**Department of Social Security and
Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
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Introduction

The Government of Odisha, created the Department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on the 1st of July 2015. The services provided by the Department focus on measures to improve accessibility and equality of opportunity; promote participation and inclusion and increase respect for the independence and dignity of the persons with disabilities.

Vision:

The Department's vision is to create a social environment that facilitates well being of the Pensioners, Person with Disabilities, Transgenders, Victims of Substantial Abuse and Senior Citizens.

Mission:

The Department's mission is to develop and apply financial, physical, intellectual and social capital for the welfare of Pensioners, Person with Disabilities, Transgenders, Victims of Substantial Abuse and Senior Citizens by networking and converging with Community Based Organisations, NGOs, Banks, Universities, Corporates, Other Govt. Organisations and other stakeholders.

Goals:

- Physical rehabilitation of persons with disabilities: Services like early detection and intervention, counseling and medical rehabilitation. Increasing accessibility through supply of aids and assistive devices.
- Educational Empowerment.
- Economic empowerment through skill development and financial assistance.
- Social Empowerment
- Advocacy and Awareness generation
- Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- Social security of the destitute among the elderly, women and the transgender

Overview

About 12,44,402 people in Odisha experience disability with a majority among them in poverty. This Department endeavours through its policies, programmes and activities to provide valuable services that would remove the many obstacles they face in their everyday lives. The elderly, the persons with physical or mental disabilities, persons with substance dependence and the transgender are its target population. It works to overcome barriers to health care, rehabilitation, education, employment, and support services, in order to create the environment which will enable people with disabilities to participate in society on an equal basis with others. This handbook introduces to you the social security programmes entrusted to us.

Statutory Body and Institutes

The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is a statutory body of the Department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, set up under Section 60 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995 with the specific mandate of protecting the rights of persons with disabilities. It has the powers of a civil court to look into complaints relating to denial of rights of persons with disabilities and non implementation of laws, rules etc., for the welfare and protection of rights of persons with disabilities.

State Institute of Disability Rehabilitation (SIDR) Bhubaneswar provides medical and social rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities.

District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) at Phulbani, Bhawanipatna, Koraput, Nawarangpur, Berhampur, Sambalpur, Baripada and Khordha provide comprehensive services to PwDs.

Training Centre for the Teachers of the Visually Handicapped (ICTVH), Bhubaneswar offers Diploma in Special Education (Visual Impairment) in collaboration with the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.

Swami Vivekanand National Institute for the Rehabilitation Training & Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack has the specific mandate of developing human resource of persons with disabilities, providing rehabilitation services and engaging in research and development activities.

Vocational Rehabilitation Center for the Handicapped (VRCH) Bhubaneswar, under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, regularly holds job fairs for the Persons with Disabilities and offers certificate courses in various trades.

Special ITI for PwDs, Jatni, Khudupur, Khurda, under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India offers income generation skills through various short term courses affiliated to the State Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (SCTE&VT) Odisha and National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT).

Schemes for Persons with Disabilities

1. Bhima Bhoi Bhinnakshyama Samarthya Abhiyan (BBSA)

Objectives

- To empower Persons with Disabilities by removing the constraints they face in accessing public services
- To provide multi-sectoral services to PwDs on a campaign mode through a single window approach.

Activities

- i. **Provision of certificates and assistive devices to all Persons with Disability through Samarthya Shibirs**

Nature of Assistance

- Pre-assessment of disability
 - Issue of Disability Certificate/UDID/Pass Book
 - Income certification/Transport Concession
 - Selection of PwDs for skill training/bank linkage/pension schemes
 - Supply of aids and appliances
- ii. **Supply of uniforms to students in special schools**

Nature of Assistance

An amount of Rs.700/- per student for four uniforms as a one time grant in addition to grant-in-aid of Rs. 750 per child per month for bedding, clothing and footwear.

iii. **Scholarship for the children of PwDs who are pursuing higher education**

Nature of Assistance

Children of PwDs with annual income below Rs. 50,000 pursuing higher education (above Class 10) shall be assisted with a scholarship of Rs. 350 per month for a maximum period of ten months in an academic year. The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Orissa and should not be receiving any other financial assistance from the State or the Central Governments.

For further details visit: <http://wcdodisha.gov.in/sites/default/files/compendium/BBSA%20Guideline.pdf>

II. Grant-in-Aid to Institutions Imparting Education to Children with Disabilities

Objective

To provide free and compulsory elementary education to children with disabilities as mandated in Section (3)I of the Right to Education Act 2009

Activities

- i. Assess the need for special schools
- ii. Grant permission for the establishment of elementary, secondary and higher secondary special schools
- iii. Facilitate recognition of these schools from the competent authority under the Education Department as per procedure and obtain necessary affiliation from the Board of Secondary Education or Council of Higher Secondary Education
- iv. Determine the curriculum for teaching/training in conformity with minimum standards of learning

Nature of Assistance

The grant in aid payable to an institution includes maintenance of residential and non-residential students and remuneration of teaching and non-teaching staff as determined by the Government.

For further information visit: <http://wcdodisha.gov.in/sites/default/files/compendium/Guidelines%20Children%20with%20Disabilities.pdf>

III. Scholarship Schemes

Objectives

Provision of scholarships, fee exemptions, allowances and concessions to students with disabilities from primary level to higher education including technical and vocational education as a financial support to parents of students with disabilities

Activities

i. Banishree Scholarship

Nature of Assistance

A scholarship of Rs.200 per month to primary school students; Rs.250 to high school and secondary school children; Rs.300 to senior secondary and under-graduate students; and Rs. 350 to post graduate students, students pursuing technical and short term vocational training. A reader allowance of Rs.100 per month (Primary School); Rs.150 per month (High School); and Rs.200/- per month (for other studies) for visually impaired students if they employ a reader. Transport allowance of Rs.100 per month to orthopedically impaired students having 75% or above disabilities. For more information visit: <http://wcdodisha.gov.in/node/68>

ii. Exemption of Tuition Fee and other related fees

Nature of Assistance

The State Government has exempted tuition fees and other related fees for higher studies/ technical studies for the following category of students.

- Students with Visual Impairment who use Braille
- Students with Hearing and Speech impairments.
- Students with Orthopedic disability of more than 75 per cent

iii. Pre-matric, Post-matric and Top Class scholarship

Nature of Assistance

Pre-matric scholarship comprising of a monthly maintenance allowance of Rs.350 per month for day scholars and Rs.600 for hostellers; along with a

book grant and travel and reader allowances. Post-matric scholarship ranges from Rs.230 to Rs.500 for day scholars; and Rs.380 to Rs.1200 for hostellers. Top class scholarship for post graduate students includes a monthly allowance of Rs.1500 for day scholars and Rs.3000 for hostellers along with a book grant of Rs.5000 per annum and tuition fee upto Rs.2 lakh. To apply online please visit www.scholarships.gov.in.

iv. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for students with disabilities pursuing higher education

Nature of Assistance

For students with disabilities pursuing M.Phil or Ph.D. Junior Research Fellowship and Senior Research Fellowship as per UGC rules. Visit: www.ugc.ac.in

v. Scholarship Scheme II for 2500 Differently Able Students (To be funded out of Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)

A differently-able student pursuing professional/ technical education or skill development courses can apply any time during the academic year for scholarship and other financial assistance.

Nature of Assistance

The full amount of the non-refundable fee in case of Government or Government –aided institutions and the equivalent amount will be reimbursed for similar courses in private institutions; a maintenance allowance for ten months at the rate of Rs. 2500 per month for Graduate courses and Rs.3000 per month for Postgraduate courses and necessary aids and appliances such as laptops, cell phones, hearing aids and Braille type writers once during their lifetime. For further details visit: http://nhfdc.nic.in/site/Trust_fund.pdf

vi. National Overseas Scholarship

Twenty scholarships are given annually to students with disabilities pursuing Masters Degree or Doctorate Degree in foreign universities.

Nature of Assistance

The scholarship covers tuition fees, contingency allowance, air travel, etc along with Pound (GB) 9900 per annum for studying in UK and US \$ 15,400 for other countries. For further information visit: www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in



iv. Free Laptop and Voice Recorder to Persons with Visual Impairment

Objective

To enable students with visual disabilities to access standard resources and communicate better with the help of a lap top loaded with appropriate software programmes and Braille keyboards.

Activities

- i. Identifying students with visual impairments pursuing under-graduate courses and higher
- ii. Setting up light weight laptops with the appropriate packages
- iii. Digital voice recorders for students with disabilities in senior secondary students and higher

Nature of Assistance

Students with visual impairment pursuing Higher Education (Second Year and above in under graduate degree courses, Post Graduate Courses, Degree Course in Engineering/ Medicine/ Management or any other professional courses) are given free laptops. Students with visual impairment pursuing Senior Secondary schooling and any course thereafter are also given free Digital Voice Recorders.

v Transport Concession

Objective

To assist persons with disabilities to travel for employment, education and for accessing public services, these schemes offer persons with disabilities who can travel concessionary rates for travel on public transport. To those persons with disabilities who cannot travel alone concessions are also given to their escort.

i. State Government Bus Transport Concession

Nature of Assistance

A hundred per cent concession is provided to persons with mental and total visual impairment for expenditure on travel in public buses and a concession ranging from fifty to hundred per cent to persons with orthopedic impairment. A fifty percent travel concession is also provided to the escort. Refer table below for concessions to different categories of PwDs:

Sl. No	Category of Passengers	Concession to the Beneficiary	Concession to the Escort
1	Person with 100% Visual Impairment	100%	50%
2	Person with Mental Disability	100%	50%
3	Person with 50-100% Orthopaedic Impairment	100%	50%
4	Person with 40-49% Orthopaedic Impairment	50%	

ii. Rail Transport Concession

As per the Order of Ministry of Railway, Government of India, the following concessions are available for persons with disabilities travelling alone or with an escort, on production of a certificate from a Government Doctor or a Registered Medical Practitioner:

Nature of Assistance

Percentage of Rail Concession for Person with Visual/Orthopaedic or Mental Disabilities

Class	First Class	Second Class	Sleeper Class	Season Ticket	
				First Class	Second Class
%age of Concession	75	75	75	50	50

Percentage of Rail Concession for Person with Hearing Impairment

Class	First Class	Second Class	Sleeper Class	Season Ticket	
				First Class	Second Class
%age of Concession	50	50	50	50	50

For further information regarding procedure visit:

http://www.indianrail.gov.in/conc_Form.html

iii. Air Travel Concession

The Indian Airlines Corporation allows 50% concessional fare to Persons with 100 % Visual Impairment on single journey or single fare for round trip journey on all domestic flights. To avail this facility the person with the disability has to produce a certificate from a medical practitioner. Air Hostess/Steward will look after the person when not accompanied by an escort in flight. The Public Relation Officer or the Traffic Officer in charge at the airport will render necessary assistance to such infirm passengers at the airport on departure and arrival. Escorts are to pay full fare. This concession cannot be combined with any other concessional fare allowed by the Indian Airlines.

For further information visit: <http://www.airindia.in/concessionary-fare.htm>

vi. Award of Incentive for Marriage to Person with Disability

Objective

To encourage marriage to persons with disabilities for their greater social inclusion and to enable them to lead normal lives with dignity

Activity

- i. Verification of marriage between a PwD and any other person who may or may not be a PwD.
- ii. A cash incentive is awarded to either spouse in a couple where one or both happen to be persons with disabilities.
- iii. The Collector and District Magistrate is the sanctioning authority

Nature of Assistance

The amount of incentive is fixed at Rs. 50,000.

vii. Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/ Appliances (ADIP Scheme)

Objectives

To assist the needy disabled persons by bringing suitable, durable, scientifically-manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation, by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhance their economic potential.

Activities

- i. Provision of aids and appliances to the needy disabled persons.
- ii. Provision of medical/surgical correction and intervention, which is essential prior to fitment of aids and appliances.

Nature/Quantum of Assistance

Assistance is provided for medical intervention or surgical correction, aids/appliances, travelling, boarding and lodging expenses. For more details visit: <http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/sipda/adiprevised010414.pdf>

Eligibility

- i. He/she should be an Indian citizen of any age.
- ii. Should be certified by a Registered Medical Practitioner that he/she is disabled and fit to use the prescribed aid/appliance.
- iii. Person who is employed/self-employed or getting pension and whose monthly income from all the sources does not exceed Rs. 8000/- per month.
- iv. In case of dependents, the income of parents/guardians should not exceed Rs. 8000/- per month.
- v. Persons who have not received assistance from the Government during the last 3 years for the same purpose. However, for children below 12 years of age this limit would be 1 year.

viii. Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 (SIPDA)

Objective

To provide financial assistance to State Government and institutions or organizations run by the Central and State Governments for the implementation of various activities outlined in the PwD Act, 1995.

Activities

- i. To provide barrier free environment for the persons with disabilities.
- ii. To make Government websites at Centre, State and District level accessible to persons with disabilities as per guidelines issued by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India.
- iii. To promote accessibility of libraries, both physical and digital and other knowledge centres.
- iv. Identification and survey/issuance of Universal ID of PwDs and assist the State government to organize camps for issuance of disability certificate.
- v. To support Composite Rehabilitation Centres (CRCs), Regional Centres, Out Reach Centres and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) and also to set up new CRCs and DDRCs as and when required.
- vi. To set up/ support resource centres facilitating dissemination of information, awareness campaigns and sensitization programmes on disability issues, counseling and providing support services.
- vii. Supporting activities relating to pre-school training for children with disabilities, counseling for parents, training for care givers, teachers training programme and activities relating to early detection camps for children of age 0-5 years and early intervention.
- viii. To establish early diagnostic and intervention centres at District Headquarters and other places having Government Medical Colleges, with a view to help visually impaired, physically impaired, hearing impaired, mentally impaired infants and young children to acquire necessary skills to get prepared for regular schooling.

- ix. To promote research and development activities in the field of disability rehabilitation including to undertake surveys, investigation and research concerning cause of occurrence of disabilities.
- x. Skill development and vocational training programme and other programmes for PwDs for ensuring employment of PwDs, including establishing centers for creating economic models appropriate for PwDs.
- xi. Supporting activities regarding pre-school training for children with disabilities; counseling for the parents; training for care givers; teacher training programme and activities related to early detection camps for children of age 0 to 5 years and early intervention.
- xii. To establish early diagnostic and intervention centers at District Headquarters/other places having Government Medical Colleges, with a view to help hearing impaired infants and young children to acquire necessary skills to get prepared for regular schooling
- xiii. Grant to State Governments and UTs for the Offices of State Commissioner for PwDs for strengthening infrastructural facilities.
- xiv. Construction of special recreational centers for PwDs where the appropriate governments or local authorities have their own land.
- xv. Support for sporting events for PwDs at National/State level to ensure optimal physical rehabilitation of PwDs.
- xvi. Identification and Survey for Universal ID of PwDs.
- xvii. Financial assistance for any other activity specified in the PwD Act for which financial assistance is not being provided/covered by the existing Schemes of the Department.

Nature/Quantum of Assistance

Quantum of assistance provided to the State Governments and institutions/ organizations run by the Central and State Governments for the implementation of various activities of PwDs Act have ceilings. For more details visit: <http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/SIPDA%20Scheme.pdf>

ix. Swavalamban Health Insurance Scheme

Objectives

- To provide affordable Health Insurance to persons with blindness, low vision, Leprosy cured, hearing impairment, loco-motor disability, mental retardation and mental illness. Person with multiple disabilities is ineligible for this scheme.
- To improve the general health condition and quality of life of persons with disabilities

Features

- It has a single premium across age band
- Covers the family of the PwD
- Health Insurance cover up to Rs. 2,00,000 per annum as family floater
- Premium of Rs. 3,100 per annum
- OPD cover for corrective therapy up to Rs. 10,000 per annum for PwD other than person with mental retardation or mental illness for whom it is limited to Rs. 3000 per annum.
- No exclusion of pre-existing condition. Corrective surgery for existing impairment can be done only with the prior consent of the insurer/ Third Party Administrator
- Pre and post hospitalization expenses are subject to limits
- No pre-insurance medical tests
- Rest of the terms and conditions of the scheme are governed by the standard health insurance policy

For further details on eligibility, enrolment and claim process visit: <http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/scheme.pdf>

x. Awareness Generation and Publicity Scheme (AGP)

Objectives

- To give wide publicity, including event based publicity etc. through electronic, print, film media, multi-media, to the schemes, programmes being run by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and other Central Ministries, State Governments etc. for the welfare of PwDs including their social, economic and educational empowerment.
- To create an enabling environment for social inclusion of the PwDs in all fields of life by providing equal opportunities, equity & social Justice and to ensure confidence building in the PwDs so that, they can realize their aspirations.
- To bring to the notice of all stake holders including PwDs and civil society about the legal rights of the PwDs as enshrined in the constitution, international conventions, PwD Act 1995 and subordinate legislations
- To sensitize the employers and other similar groups on the special needs of the specially abled persons.
- To promote awareness and to sensitize society with focus on remote and rural areas, on causes leading to disability and prevention through early detection etc.
- To encourage volunteer action for ensuring effective implementation of the legal provisions and welfare schemes meant for the PwDs.
- To develop content for rehabilitation of different types of disabilities.
- To provide financial support for help lines.
- To provide financial support for effective grievance redressal.
- To extend financial support for National & International events organized by reputed organizations on disabilities.
- To create or to facilitate creation of facilities conducive to the recreation of PwDs which may include inter alia tourism, educative, medical religious tourism, sports, etc.

- To extend financial support for participation in the Community Radio Scheme of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- To promote activities for economic empowerment of PwDs like job fairs, campaigns, awareness on skill development etc.
- To support spreading awareness about universal accessibility by creating an enabling and barrier-free environment that include accessible buildings, accessible transport, accessible websites and carrying out accessibility audit.
- To promote individual excellence in the field of disability sector.
- To promote relevant activity/activities relating to creating awareness in the field of disability sector.

Activities

- i. To spread awareness through social networking
- ii. Maintenance of accessible website, etc.
- iii. Conducting seminars, workshops, cultural activities, fairs, exhibitions etc, either directly or through socially active groups /organizations.
- iv. Participation in national and international initiatives in the field of disability
- v. Conducting studies, surveys, enumeration and evaluation programmes on the special needs of PwDs including availability of technology, assistive aids and appliances etc.
- vi. Coordinating and consolidating efforts made in the field by different departments, organizations.
- vii. Financial assistance to self-help groups, parents' organizations etc. working for development of 'social good' and 'community welfare'
- viii. To support activities like showing of programmes exclusively prepared and performed by PwDs on TV, by bearing the cost involved on honoraria to performers, boarding, lodging and transportation and payments due to the electronic media

- ix. Organizing special events and celebration of special days
- x. Lack of co-ordination between different service providers in the fields of health education, housing and equipments undermines their effectiveness. Ministries of Health, Education, Labour and Rural Development are also doing some work in the field of disability. For successful implementation of all such initiatives, an Inter-Ministerial Committee which may co-ordinate across organizations to improve distribution of services and referral system, promote joint ventures, joint negotiations, sharing knowledge and expertise, sharing specialist educator, and disseminating system may be setup under the Department.
- xi. Panchayati Raj Institution may be involved wherever expedient.
- xii. To support awareness campaign for skill development & employment generation for PwDs including job fairs.
- xiii. To support spreading awareness about universal accessibility by creating an enabling and barrier-free environment that include accessible buildings, accessible transport, accessible websites and carrying out accessibility audit.
- xiv. To promote individual excellence in the field of disability sector
- xv. To promote relevant activities relating to creating awareness in the field of disability sector.

For further details of this scheme visit: <http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in/content/page/awareness-generation-and-publicity.php>

**SCHEMES FOR
PwD**



XI. The National Trust Schemes

The National Trust is a statutory body of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, set up under the “National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities” Act (Act 44 of 1999).

Objectives

- to enable and empower persons with disability to live as independently and as fully as possible within and as close to their community as possible;
- to facilitate the realization of equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation of persons with disability;
- to extend support to its registered organizations to provide need based services; and
- to evolve procedures for appointments of guardians and trustees for persons with disabilities.

Activities

The National Trust carries out various schemes of capacity building, training and care & shelter through its registered organizations. Some of the major schemes are given below.

i. **DISHA (Early Intervention and School Readiness Scheme)**

This is an early intervention and school readiness scheme for children in the age group of 0-10 years with the four disabilities covered under the National Trust Act and aims at setting up Disha Centres for early intervention for Person with Disability (PwD) through therapies, trainings and providing support to family members.

ii. **VIKAAS (Day Care)**

This is a Day care scheme, primarily to expand the range of opportunities available to a person with disability for enhancing interpersonal and vocational skills as they are on a transition to higher age groups. The centre

will also offer care giving support to Person with Disability (PwD) during the time the PwD is in the Vikaas centre.

iii. SAMARTH (Respite Care)

The objective of Samarth scheme is to provide respite home for orphans or abandoned, families in crisis and also for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) from BPL & LIG families including destitute with at least one of the four disabilities covered under the National Trust Act. This scheme aims at setting up Samarth Centres for providing group home facility for all age groups with adequate and quality care service with acceptable living standards including provision of basic medical care from professional doctors.

iv. GHARAUNDA (Group Home for Adults)

The objective of Gharaunda scheme is to provide an assured home and minimum quality of care services throughout the life of the person with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities with adequate and quality care service with acceptable living standards including provision of basic medical care from professional doctors. Gharaunda Centre should provide vocational activities, pre-vocational activities and assistance for further training.

v. NIRAMAYA (Health Insurance Scheme)

The objective of Niramaya scheme is to provide affordable Health Insurance to persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities. All enrolled beneficiaries will get a health insurance cover of up to Rs. 1.0 lakh as defined in the chart OPD treatment including the medicines, pathology, diagnostic tests, etc, Regular Medical checkup for non-ailing disabled, Dental Preventive Dentistry, Surgery to prevent further aggravation of disability, Non- Surgical/ Hospitalization, Corrective Surgeries for existing Disability including congenital disability, Ongoing Therapies to reduce impact of disability and disability related complications, Alternative Medicine and Transportation costs.

vi. SAHYOGI (Caregiver training scheme)

This scheme aims at setting up Caregiver Cells (CGCs) to provide training and create a skilled workforce of caregivers to provide adequate and nurturing

care for Person with Disabilities (PwD) and their families who require it. It also seeks to provide parents an opportunity to get trained in care giving if they so desire.

vii. GYAN PRABHA (Educational support)

GyanPrabha scheme aims to encourage people with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities for pursuing educational/vocational courses like graduation courses, professional courses and vocational training leading to employment or self-employment. National Trust will provide a specific amount per course to a PwD which will generally cover fees, transportation, books, out of pocket expenses (OPEs) etc.

viii. PRERNA (Marketing Assistance)

Prerna is the marketing assistance scheme of National Trust with an objective to create viable and widespread channels for sale of products and services produced by Person with disability (PwD) covered under National Trust Act. This scheme aims at providing funds to participate in events such as exhibitions, melas, fairs, etc. to sell the products made by PwDs.

ix. SAMBHAV (Aids and Assisted Devices)

This is a scheme to setup additional resource centres, one each in each city of the country with population greater than 5 million (As per 2011 census), to collate and collect the Aids, software and other form of assistive devices developed with a provision of display and demonstration of the devices. The scheme also includes maintaining information, pertaining to aids and assistive devices present at Sambhav centre, on National Trust website.

x. BADHTE KADAM (Awareness and Community Interaction)

This scheme aims to create community awareness, sensitization, social integration and mainstreaming of Persons with Disabilities. The National Trust shall sponsor a maximum of 4 events for each RO per year. Each RO should conduct at least 1 event (either for community, educational institutes or medical institutes) in a year.

For further details visit: <http://thenationaltrust.gov.in/content/innerpage/our-schemes-at-a-glance.php>

XII. Schemes of the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation

Objectives

The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is a company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 as a Company not for profit. It is the Apex institution for channelizing funds to persons with disabilities through the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the State Government(s).

Activities

- i. **Financial Assistance for a range of income generating activities for PwDs** for setting up small business in Service/Trading sector; purchase of vehicle for commercial activity; setting up small industrial unit; agricultural activities and self employment activities amongst persons with mental retardation, cerebral palsy and autism

Nature of Assistance

Loan ranging from Rs. 3 lakh to 25 lakh depending on the activity with a rate of interest ranging from 5 per cent per annum for loan up to Rs. 50,000; 6 per cent per annum for loan between Rs. 50,000 and up to Rs. 5 lakh; and 8 per cent per annum for loan above Rs. 5 lakh

- ii. **Loan for Education/Training of Person with Disability** to meet tuition and other fees/maintenance/cost of books and equipment, etc for pursuing professional courses in recognized educational institutions in India and abroad.

Nature of Assistance

Need based finance subject to repaying capacity of the student/parents with a ceiling of Rs. 10 lakh for courses within India and Rs. 20 lakh for courses abroad. Rate of interest above 4 lakhs is 5 percent for courses in India and 15 percent for courses abroad. A rebate of 0.5 per cent for women beneficiaries. The loan is to be repaid within seven years after commencement of repayment.

- iii. **Financial Assistance for Skill and Entrepreneurial Development** among PwDs to make them self reliant.

Nature of Assistance

In the form of a grant which covers 100 per cent of the total recurring cost of the training programme that includes a stipend of Rs. 250 per week per Trainee to cover the cost of transportation and other miscellaneous expenditures.

- iv. **Micro-Credit Scheme** to be implemented by NGOs in the social sector for PwDs.

Nature of Assistance

A loan up to Rs. 5 lakh to NGO and Rs. 25,000 per beneficiary at the rate of 5 per cent per annum

- v. **Scheme for Parents Association for the Mentally Retarded Persons**
Financial assistance is provided to Parents Association for the persons with mental retardation to set up income generating activity for the benefit of their children with retardation.

Nature of Assistance will be a loan with the same quantum, rate of interest and repayment period, etc.

- vi. **Scheme for Disabled Young Professional**

In order to inculcate a spirit of self-confidence among youth with disabilities through self-employment.

Nature of Assistance

A loan at the rate of 4 to 8 percent rate of interest per annum to professionally educated and trained disabled youth. The maximum limit of the loan is 25 lakhs and the repayment period is ten years.

For more information visit: <http://www.nhfdc.nic.in/schemes>

XIII. Mission Kshyamata

Objective

To help persons with disabilities to become financially self reliant Mission Kshyamata facilitates formation of exclusive Self Help Groups of PwDs. It is a sub component of Mission Shakti and permits smaller groups to be formed of 5 to 6 members who are PwDs or are parents of persons with mental retardation, mental illness, autism or cerebral palsy.

Activities

- i. Formation, gradation and promotion of SHGs
- ii. Financial Assistance
- iii. Basic skill training for group members
- iv. Basic orientation training on book keeping, marketing, management, etc.
- v. Facilitation of production and marketing of products
- vi. Conducting exposure visits
- vii. IEC activities on prevention of violence against women

Nature of Assistance

A onetime grant of Rs. 10,000 to each group as revolving fund to augment their resources and as an encouragement to take up trading activities. Linkage to the Banks is being encouraged and facilitated.

XIV. Differential Rate of Interest Scheme

Objective

Extending financial assistance at concessional rates to selected low income groups that include persons with disabilities who have the necessary skills but lack the finance to set up their own business.

Activities

- i. Loan to PwDs
- ii. Loan to institutions of PwDs pursuing a gainful occupation where some durable equipment and/or continuous supply of raw material is required.

Nature of Assistance

Credit for a maximum amount of Rs.20,000 as a house loan, at the rate of 4 percent per annum and a maximum amount of Rs.15,000 for any other purpose. Repayment period is up to five years.

For further information visit:

XV. Scheme of In-Service Training and Sensitization of key functionaries of Central & State Governments, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers.

Objectives

The Working Group on Delivery Processes and Mechanism for empowerment of PwDs for Xllth Plan recognized inadequate awareness and sensitivity amongst various stakeholders as a major challenge. There is an urgent need to train and sensitize Medical Officers of PHCs/CHCs and District Government Hospitals, rehab professionals, and other key functionaries of the Central, State, Local Bodes and other Service Providers on a regular basis on disability related matters through State/District/Block level workshops.

- The workshops will aim to raise the awareness among employees and peer groups about capabilities of persons with disabilities and how we can work together to create an inclusive environment etc work place.
- To ensure enlightened, efficient and committed key functionaries to further the cause of empowerment of PwDs.
- To create awareness about disability related legislations, development programmes, schemes and programmes for the benefits of PwDs, rehabilitation and referral services amongst the various stakeholders namely, In-service officials of Central and State Governments, local bodies and other service providers.
- To provide in-service training on some important skills like oralism sign language, Braille etc
- To create awareness and sensitize towards prevention, early identification, intervention, rehabilitation and mainstreaming of persons with disabilities
- To obtain feedback about the quality of delivery of the Schemes/Programmes of Government
- The outcome of the Scheme will be Human Resource Development through skills enhancement with a view to effect efficiency, effectiveness and economy in jobs assigned to them.
- The training programmes are meant to sensitize the Officers to new and important issues facing the disability sector in the changing social and economic scenario. The objective of the Scheme is to focus on the demand-driven training of key functionaries dealing with disability sector which

Activities

Training of primary level workers both in health care and in community development comprising of Anganwadi workers, Auxiliary Nurses (Midwives) etc.

- i. Support for training and orientation of personnel of Government and NGOs providing services.
- ii. Training and sensitization of community decision makers such as members of Panchayats, head of families etc.
- iii. Training and orientation of family members as caregivers.

Human resources will be trained to meet the requirement of education for children with disabilities under inclusive education, special education, home-based education, pre-school education etc. The following training programmes of different specialization and levels shall be developed:

- i. Training modules for teachers for inclusive education.
- ii. Diploma, degree and high level programmes in special education
- iii. Training of caregivers for home-based education and care services for disabled adults/ senior citizens etc.

Nature of Assistance:

- i. The Scheme proposes to train approx 30,000 key functionaries (approximately 10,000 each year for a period of three years) of the certain Central State Governments, Local Bodies (Panchayats and Municipalities) and other service providers connected with the disability sector.
- ii. Seminars/Workshops for three days will be conducted at National/State/District/Block level.
- iii. It is proposed to impart training through administrative institutes of Central and State Govt.
- iv. Training modules/courses with detailed syllabus will be prepared by Rehabilitation Council of India in consultation with National Institutes / of the Department.
- v. The expenditure to be incurred on per trainee is approx.Rs.6500/- However, this is suggestive cost. Rates/Cost of pertrainee would be fixed keeping in view the prevalent rates at Centre and States, in consultation with RCI. The general guidelines for admissible activities and norms of expenditure will be formulated for the purpose of funding the training Institutes.
- vi. Rehabilitation Council of India will be the nodal agency.

Pension Schemes

I. Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY)

Objectives

To compensate for the loss of earning capacity of citizens such as the elderly, diseased, invalid and widows and to protect them from impending destitution the State Government has instituted the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana.

Activities

- I. Pension to persons above 60 years of age
- II. Pension to a widow irrespective of age
- III. Pension to a leprosy patient with visible signs of deformity
- IV. Pension to a PwD above 5 years of age
- V. Pension to a widow of a AIDS victim
- VI. Pension to an AIDS patient as identified by the Orissa State AIDS Control Society (OSACS)

Nature of Assistance

A monthly pension of an amount fixed by the Government from time to time will be paid to each beneficiary.

For further details visit : <http://odisha.gov.in/govtpress/pdf/2008/15.pdf>

PENSION
SCHEMES



II. National Social Assistance Programmes

Objectives

- Public assistance to citizens in case of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement and in other cases of undeserved want.
- Social Assistance for the poor with the aim of ensuring a minimum national standard in addition to the benefits that the states are currently providing or might provide in future.

Activities

- Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)**
For persons below the poverty line and above the age of 60 years
Quantum of Assistance
A monthly pension of Rs. 200 until the age of 79 years and Rs. 500 thereafter
- Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS)**
Widows below the poverty line and between 40 to 59 years of age
Quantum of Assistance
A monthly pension of Rs. 200
- Indira Gandhi National Disabled Pension Scheme (IGNDPS)**
Persons with severe and multiple disabilities below the poverty line and aged 18 to 59 years
Quantum of Assistance
A monthly pension of Rs. 200
- National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)**
A household below the poverty line that has lost its primary bread winner who was aged between 18 and 64 years

Quantum of Assistance

A one time assistance of Rs. 10,000

**SCHEMES FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS**



Schemes for Senior Citizens

I. Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP)

Objectives

To improve the quality of life of the senior citizens by providing basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and entertainment opportunities and by encouraging productive and active ageing through providing support for capacity building of Government/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/ Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) / local bodies and the community at large.

Activities

- i. Maintenance of Old Age Homes
- ii. Maintenance of Respite Care Homes and Continuous Care Homes
- iii. Running of Multi Service Centres for Senior Citizens
- iv. Running of Day Care Centres for Senior Citizens afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease
- v. Multi facility Care Centres for Older Widows
- vi. Physiotherapy Clinics for Senior Citizens
- vii. Regional Resource and Training Centre
- viii. Helpline and Counseling Centre for Senior Citizens at the National and District Level
- ix. Programme for Sensitization of School and College Students
- x. Formation of Vridha Sanghas/ Senior Citizens Associations/ Self Help Groups
- xi. Any other suitable activity to meet the objectives of the scheme and the National Policy for Senior Citizens

Nature of Assistance

90 per cent of the project cost is to be borne by the Government of India and the remaining 10 per cent by the institution/organization concerned which includes PRIs, NGOs, Government institutions/ organizations. In case the implementing institution is an educational institution or a recognized institution like the Nehru Yuvak Kendra or the NSS, 100 percent of the project cost will be borne by the Government of India.

For further information visit: <http://socialjustice.nic.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/IPOP%202016%20pdf%20document.pdf>

II. Vayoshreshtha Samman- A scheme of National Award for Senior Citizens

Objectives

- To showcase the Government of India's concern and commitment for Senior Citizens with the aim of strengthening their legitimate place in society.
- To make younger generations appreciate the contributions of senior citizens in society and in nation building

Activities

The awards are to be conferred to institutions and individuals in thirteen categories every year, on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons on the 1st of October.

For further details of this scheme visit:

<http://socialjustice.nic.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/gazette%20notification%20of%20vayoshreshtha%20samman.pdf>

III. Barishta Nagarika Tirtha Yatra Yojana Objective

- To provide an opportunity to poor Senior Citizens of all faiths to go on a pilgrimage

Activity and Nature of Assistance

Complete Tour package covering multiple destinations by rail travel. The tour includes travel insurance, food, accommodation, road travel, tour escort, travel kit and medical facilities from medical professionals.

For further details on application procedure visit:

<http://www.odishatourism.gov.in/portals/0/2583.pdf>

Schemes for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

I. Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse and for Social Defence Services

Objectives

- To create awareness and educate people about the ill-effects of alcoholism and substance abuse on the individual, the family, the workplace and society at large;
- To provide for the whole range of community based services for the identification, motivation, counselling, de-addiction, after care and rehabilitation for Whole Person Recovery (WPR) of addicts to make a person drug free, crime free and gainfully employed.
- To alleviate the consequences of drug and alcohol dependence amongst the individual, the family and society at large;
- To facilitate research, training, documentation and collection of relevant information to strengthen the above mentioned objectives; and
- To support other activities which are in consonance with the mandate of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in this field.

Activities

- i. Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA)
- ii. Programme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse at Workplace (WPP)
- iii. Regional Resource and Training Centers (RRTC)
- iv. Awareness-cum-De-addiction Camps (ACDC)

- v. Technical Exchange and Personal Development Programme
- vi. Preventive Education and Awareness Generation through Media Publicity
- vii. NGO Forum for Drug Abuse Prevention
- viii. Innovative Intervention to Strengthen Community Based Rehabilitation
- ix. Survey, Studies, Evaluation and Research on the subjects covered under the Scheme
- x. Vigilance-cum- Monitoring Committee/Cell/Agency to ensure quality of expenditure and also for monitoring the implementation of the Scheme.

For further details on guidelines and nature of assistance visit:

<http://socialjustice.nic.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/sch-drug-1115635790509608217343.pdf>



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PREVENTION OF
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II. National Fund for Control of Drug Abuse

Objectives

- Combating illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or controlled substances
- Controlling the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
- Identifying, treating, rehabilitating addicts
- Preventing drug abuse
- Educating public against drug abuse
- Supplying drugs to addicts where such supply is a medical necessity

Activities

- i. Information, Education and Communication (IEC)
- ii. Surveys, Studies, Evaluation and Research on the subject of drug abuse
- iii. Increasing Bed capacity for drug de-addiction at the centres/hospitals run by the State/ Central Government for drug de-addiction purposes.
- iv. Providing Training to the Doctors/medical staff on drug de-addiction
- v. Infrastructure support for Vocational Training for rehabilitation
- vi. Apart from the above activities, the Governing Body of NFCDA may consider other projects for funding from NFCDA.

For further information on eligibility, nature of assistance and application procedure visit: <http://dor.gov.in/nationalfundcontroldrugabuse>

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PREVENTION OF
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Schemes for Transgender Persons

I. State Government Initiatives

Objective:

For the social inclusion, empowerment and increased participation of the transgender community in public life the State and Central Government have taken several initiatives and are in the process of introducing several new schemes which have been outlined below.

i. Identity Card for the Third Gender

The transgender persons have been given recognized as the Third Gender in the State and the process of issuing identity cards recognizing the same is in process.

ii. Reservation as Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC)

The Transgender persons can avail of reservations in education and employment in government institutions as outlined for socially and economically backward classes.

iii. Basic Civic Amenities from Municipal Corporations

All the Municipal Corporations of the State are to provide basic civic amenities such as sanitation, community toilet, drinking water, electricity etc. in the transgender residential colonies under their jurisdiction.

iv. Food Security of Transgender Persons

Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department has notified for auto inclusion of the transgender persons under National Food Security Act as beneficiaries in their individual capacity, vide Notification No 19969 dated 28.09.2015.

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TG PERSONS

ii. Umbrella Scheme for the Welfare of the Transgender Community

This scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India comprises of the following five schemes:

- i. Scheme for financial support to the parents of transgender children.
- ii. Scheme of pre-matric scholarship for the transgender students studying in classes –VII to X
- iii. Schemes of post-matric scholarship for transgender students studying in classes XI and above for students in India.
- iv. Scheme of assistance for skill development training to transgender persons.
- v. National Pension Scheme for transgender persons.