

**Major Achievements and Initiatives of the Department of Empowerment
of Persons with Disabilities since 2014**

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1. Introduction

In order to give focused attention to policy issues and meaningful thrust to the activities aimed at welfare and empowerment of the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), a separate Department of Disability Affairs was carved out of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on May 12, 2012. The Department was renamed as Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on December 8, 2014. The Department acts as a nodal agency for matters pertaining to disability and persons with disabilities including effecting closer coordination among different stakeholders: related Central Ministries, State/UT Governments, NGOs etc. in matters pertaining to disability.

Progress in terms of financial position of the Department from 2014-15 onward is as under :-

Year	Rs. in crores		
	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Expenditure
2014-15	565.00	375.00	337.96
2015-16	565.40	540.00	487.96
2016-17	783.56	783.56	772.66
2017-18	855.00	955.00	928.32
2018-19	1070.00	1070.00	1017.56
2019-20	1204.90	1100.00	1016.18
2020-21	1325.39	900.00	861.63
2021-22	1171.77	1044.31	1009.45
2022-23	1212.42	1015.98	988.93
2023-24	1225.1		

2. Legislative Reform: Enactment of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016:

- Government enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 on 28.12.2016. The Act came into force from 19.04.2017.
- Central Rules were notified on 15.06.2017.
- Main features of the RPwD Act, 2016 are:-
- ✓ A rights based legislation unlike the PwD Act, 1995, which was welfare based.
- ✓ Categories of Disabilities increased from 7 to 21. On 04.01.2018 Guidelines for assessment of these disabilities were prescribed.
- ✓ Reservation in Government jobs for Persons with Disabilities increased from 3% to 4%. Recently on 04.01.2021, the Ministry notified a list of 3566 posts (1046 – Group A; 515-Group B; 1724- Group C and 281-Group D) identified suitable for reservation for PwDs.
- ✓ Reservation in seats for students with disabilities in Govt./Govt. aided higher educational institutions increased from 3% to 5%.
- ✓ On 17.05.2022, the Central Government issued instructions providing for 4% reservation in promotion for persons with benchmark disabilities in the cadre strength within Group C, from Group C to Group B, within Group B to the lowest rung of Group A.
- ✓ It focuses on creating accessible environment for PwDs in built-up environment, transportation system and ICT eco system.
- ✓ It also focuses on promoting participation of PwDs in skill development, sports and recreation.
- ✓ O/o Chief Commissioner for PwDs and State Commissioners strengthened under the Act to ensure effective monitoring of the implementation of the Act.
- ✓ With a view to protect the rights of PwDs punishment for various offences and violations of the provisions of the Act was introduced.
- ✓ Provision of special Court in every district for faster adjudication of cases under the Act.

2 (A). International Cooperation in disability sector:

- ✓ India has signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and subsequently ratified the same on October 1, 2007.
- ✓ India is also a Party to the Incheon Strategy “To make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and Pacific Region since 2012.
- ✓ India has signed a MoU with Government of Australia for cooperation in disability sector on 22nd November, 2018. Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Project is being implemented in collaboration of University of Melbourne which is in line with the area of cooperation mentioned in the said MoU.
- ✓ On 27th April, 2022, Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of this Department to enter into a bilateral agreement with Government of Chile for cooperation in disability sector and on 15th February 2023, a proposal to enter into a Bilateral Agreement with the Govt of South Africa was also approved. Both these MoUs are under process for signing.

3. Strengthening Institutional Framework:

3 (1) National Institutes:

There are nine National Institutes under this Department working in the field of disability rehabilitation. National Institutes are autonomous bodies established for different types of disabilities. These institutes are engaged in Human Resources Development in the field of disability, providing rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities and Research and Development efforts.

The Department has set up Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) for Persons with Disabilities in various states to provide both preventive and promotional aspects of rehabilitation like education, health, employment and vocational training, research and manpower development, rehabilitation for persons with disabilities etc. These CRCs function as extended arms of the National Institutes (NIs).

Details of these institutes and centres are as under:

S N o	National Institutes (NIs)	Year when set up	Speciali zed Disabili ty	Campu s Area (in acre)	Regional Centres /Regional Chapters (RCs)	Composite Regional Centres (Approved in the year)
1	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD), New Delhi	1975	Locomotor	1.5	Regional Centre, Secunderabad	CRC in Lucknow (2000) and Srinagar (2000)
2	Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack	1975	Locomotor	26.66	None	CRC in Guwahati (2001), Ranchi (2017), Balangir (2018) and Imphal (2020)
3	National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata	1978	Locomotor	3.14	Regional Centre in Dehradun and Aizawl	CRC in Patna (2009), Naharlagoon (2016) and Agartala (2017)
4	National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun	1979	Visual	43	1) Regional Centre, Chennai 2) Regional Chapter in Kolkata and Secunderbad	CRC in Sundernagar (2001), Gorakhpur (2018) and Gangtok (2018)
5	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai	1983	Speech and Hearing	4.77	Regional Centre in Kolkata, Secunderabad, Noida and Jalna	CRC in Bhopal (2000), Ahmedabad (2011) and Nagpur (2016)
6	National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad	1984	Intellectual	19.33	Regional Centre in Noida, Navi Mumbai and Kolkata	CRC in Nellore (2015), Rajnandangao n (2015) and Davangere (2016)
7	National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai	2005	Multiple	15.2	None	CRC in Kozhikode (2012), Shillong (2019) and Port Blair (2019)
8	Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre	2015	Sign Language	Rented premise	None	None

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	(ISLRTC), Delhi		e	s		
9	National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore	2019	Mental Health	25	None	None

➤ During the period 2014-15 to 2022-23 (till 31.12.2022), 1.46 crore persons with disabilities were served by these NIs, as shown below:

Name of the Institute	Number of beneficiaries (2022-23 upto 31.12.2022) in Lakhs									
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities, (NIEPVD), Dehradun	2.20	2.37	2.26	3.02	2.37	2.76	2.51	3.04	2.74	23.27
National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata	1.95	2.04	1.74	2.25	2.85	2.77	0.78	1.25	1.91	17.53
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Speech & Hearing Disabilities, (AYJNISHD), Mumbai	0.95	0.86	2.87	3.54	3.26	3.92	2.22	4.30	3.36	25.28
National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, (NIEPID), Secunderabad	1.63	1.10	2.90	3.33	3.63	3.60	2.33	3.53	2.20	24.26
Swami Vivekanand National Institute for Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack	2.16	2.68	2.89	3.33	3.05	3.43	1.09	1.90	1.96	22.48
Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD), New Delhi	0.75	0.93	1.40	1.33	1.79	1.87	0.78	0.82	1.27	10.95
National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (NIEPMD) Chennai	0.88	1.36	2.93	2.43	2.53	2.70	1.64	3.51	2.96	20.94
Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC), Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.47	0.56	0.39	1.48
National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore, Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.23
Total	10.52	11.35	16.98	19.24	19.49	21.13	11.88	18.97	16.86	146.42

➤ During the period of 2014-15 to 2022-23, Rs. 1865.26 crore was released as Grant-in-Aid to all NIs as shown below:

Details of funds released National Institutes from 2014-15 to 2022-23 Rs. in crore										
Name of NIs	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun	28.02	20.12	26.38	48.51	44.41	46.45	39.36	44.96	56.53	354.74
National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata	20.51	16.85	17.51	28.09	31.82	30.35	26.74	26	29	226.87
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech & Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai	22.31	13.07	20.39	33.07	38.3	35.71	33.18	35.55	36.59	268.17
National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad	8.4	11.62	13.65	23.85	31.57	25.45	25.95	28.62	30.85	199.96
Swami Vivekanand National Institute for Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack	20.6	19.6	22.5	32.28	37.68	33.49	32.65	39.57	56.35	294.72
Pt. DeenDayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities(PDUNIPPD), New Delhi	19.16	7.49	8.3	26.1	29.05	26.95	20.88	27.2	29.43	194.56
National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai	9.61	15.52	24.14	30.26	43.86	34.84	27.2	33.26	26.18	244.87
Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre (ISLRTC), Delhi	0	0	0	4.5	4.85	4.2	3.88	6.95	5.38	29.76
National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore	0	0	0	0	0	17.25	22.72	9.88	1.76	51.61
Total	128.61	104.27	132.87	226.66	261.54	254.69	232.56	251.99	272.07	1865.26

- During the period of 2014-15 to 2022-23, 381.51 crore was released as Grant-in-Aid to persons with disabilities in all CRCs as shown below:

Funds released to Composite Regional Centre from 2014-15 to 2022-23										Rs. in Lakhs
Name of CRCs	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
CRC,Guwahati	78.43	285.48	314	255	233.75	213.4	232	184	270.91	2066.97
CRC,Sundernagar	157	288.5	471.08	693.75	397	396.9	190	678.52	323.52	3596.27
CRC,Bhopal	175.07	225.83	462.47	330	205	215	215.65	237.51	293	2359.53
CRC,Srinagar	244.55	655	647.9	165	225	110	275.5	751.38	233	3307.33
CRC,Lucknow	50	87.81	647.4	127	1140.25	397.46	175.98	259.38	373.04	3258.32
CRC,Patna	461.64	105	1065.7	150	524.61	841.53	58.15	278.55	203	3688.17
CRC,Ahmedabad	87.5	89	90.5	107	604.02	135.58	223.77	997.25	269.85	2604.47
CRC,Kozhikode	98	99.35	778.74	214	1053	645.5	297.59	419.11	244.44	3849.73
CRC,Rajnandhangaon	0	47.75	88.5	102	134	176.15	94.2	955.47	380	1978.07
CRC,Nellore	0	577.34	60.08	76.45	923.29	363.14	82.31	281.06	146	2509.67
CRC,Davengere	0	0	60	82.5	151.5	185	158.67	996.39	423.59	2057.65
CRC,Nagpur	0	0	50.3	90	163.2	841.56	29.27	72	885.81	2132.14
CRC,Tripura	0	0	0	80	90	70	41.27	70	53	404.27
CRC,Gorakhpur	0	0	0	0	634	184.04	56.5	1149.84	634	2658.38
CRC,Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	75	0.00	59.38	68.48	202.86
CRC,Ranchi	0	0	0	0	36.75	42.5	143.37	126	141	489.62
CRC,Balangir	0	0	0	0	50	12.5	7.00	58.00	77.00	204.5
CRC,A&N	0	0	0	0	0	105	76.75	62	47	290.75
CRC,Shillong							22	42.82	210	274.82
CRC,Manipur							44.99	73	100	217.99
Total	1352.19	2461.06	4736.7	2472.7	6565.37	5010.26	2424.97	7751.66	5376.64	38151.51

- During the period of 2014-15 to 2022-23, 33.29 Lakh persons with disabilities were served as shown below:

Beneficiaries of Composite Regional Centre (CRC) from 2014-15 to 2022-23										
Name of CRCs	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Total
CRC,Guwahati	0.22	0.19	0.26	0.30	0.31	0.32	0.18	0.00	0.21	1.98
CRC,Sundernagar	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.45	0.87	0.99	0.45	0.00	0.43	3.41
CRC,Bhopal	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.75	0.72	0.35	0.39	0.00	0.30	2.85
CRC,Srinagar	0.18	0.28	0.27	0.34	0.36	0.46	0.14	0.00	1.26	3.29
CRC,Lucknow	0.17	0.12	0.33	0.55	0.50	0.41	0.18	0.00	1.60	3.86
CRC,Patna	0.17	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.53	1.46
CRC,Ahmedabad	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.12	0.22	0.22	0.15	0.00	0.33	1.17
CRC,Kozhikode	0.18	0.17	0.36	0.40	0.43	0.35	0.79	0.00	0.28	2.95
CRC,Rajnandhangao n	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.33	0.45	0.48	0.23	0.00	0.31	2.07
CRC,Nellore	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.26	0.36	0.53	0.13	0.00	0.27	1.76
CRC,Davengere	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.13	0.16	0.09	0.00	0.10	0.54
CRC,Nagpur	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.52	0.38	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.96	2.61
CRC,Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.14	0.07	0.00	0.06	0.32
CRC,Gorakhpur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	1.47	1.04	0.00	1.45	4.08
CRC,Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.12	0.13
CRC,Ranchi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.14	0.23
CRC,Balangir	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.16	0.22
CRC, Andaman & Nicobar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.11	0.18
CRC, Imphal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.09
CRC,Shillong	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06
Total	1.11	1.12	2.17	4.22	5.03	6.33	4.53	0.00	8.77	33.29

3 (2) : Brief on two New Institutes:

(a) Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) :

- Established in September, 2015 with main objective to develop manpower for using, teaching and conducting research in Indian Sign Language.
- Conducting Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI) and Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language (DTISL) Courses.
- Provides Interpretation Services and Short Term Training Programme on Basic ISL.
- Developed of ISL Dictionary. Launched 3rd Edition of the Dictionary with total 10500 terms on 23.09.2022.
- ISLRTC signed a MoU with NCERT on 06.10.2020 to convert textbooks of class I to XII into ISL (Digital Format). NCERT textbooks of classes I-VI have been converted to ISL and work is ongoing to convert text books of class VII to XII. ISLRTC also launched the ISL version of 5 comics of NBT's Veergatha series.
- Developed a Directory of Interpreters and a Directory of Deaf Schools
- Tableau on the theme "Ek Rashtra, Ek Sanketik Bhasha" was showcased in Republic Day Parade, 2021.

(b) National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore:

- The Union Cabinet approved setting up of the National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), with an estimated cost of Rs. 179.54 crore including Rs. 105.68 crore for construction.
- The Institute made operational in September, 2019 from temporary accommodation provided by the Govt of Madhya Pradesh at Sehore.
- Construction work of the building is in progress and is likely to be completed by July, 2023.
- A Certificate course on care-giving and two diploma courses in community based rehabilitation and vocational training are being run by the Institute.

3 (3) Mental Health Rehabilitation Help Line:

- The Department launched a 24X7 toll-free (1800-599-0019) Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline, 'KIRAN', on 7th September 2020, in 13 languages, with the aim of providing/promoting early screening, first-aid, psychological support, distress management mental well being, positive behaviour and psychological crisis management.
- **From 16th September 2020 to March, 2023**, KIRAN has received about **1,30,000** new beneficiary calls.

3 (4) Centre for Disability Sports:

- A Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior is being set up with a total cost of Rs.170.99 crore.
- The Centre will have modern state-of-the art facilities for both indoor and outdoor games with a capacity for training 300 sports persons and residential facilities for 200 sports persons, per batch.
- Construction work of the Centre is in progress and is likely to be completed by the end of July 2023.

4 : SCHEMES

4 (1) Scholarship Schemes for 'Students with Disabilities': An Umbrella Scholarship Scheme with 6 components such as pre-matric, post-matric, top class education, National fellowship, National Overseas and free coaching for students with disabilities was launched from 2014-15. Scholarships amounting to Rs 699.95 crore released to 2.28 lakh students with disabilities in DBT mode as shown below:

Year wise amount released and number of beneficiaries from 2014-15 to 2022-23 (in Rs. crore)			
S.No.	Year	Amount	Beneficiaries
1	2014-15	13.25	306
2	2015-16	25.02	6474
3	2016-17	35.83	14841
4	2017-18	56.47	21204
5	2018-19	86.27	30366
6	2019-20	114.57	42972
7	2020-21	91.77	26067
8	2021-22	132.17	42131
9	2022-23	144.61	43710
	Total	699.95	228071

4(2) Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids/ Appliances (ADIP): The Department is implementing a scheme entitled 'Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)', under which funds are released to various implementing agencies for distributing aids & assistive devices to Divyangjan, resulting in their social, economic and educational empowerment. Under the Scheme, 24.37 Lakh Divyangjan have been provided aids and assistive devices at a cost of Rs.1682.57 crore has been released during the last nine years. The Cochlear Implant Programme, which enables restoration of hearing and speech functions among children with hearing disabilities, is also being supported under the scheme through 150 empanelled hospitals. So far, 5323 cochlear implant surgeries have been supported.

Year-wise details of funds released and number of beneficiaries covered during the last 09 years under the ADIP Scheme

Year	Funds released (Rs. in Crores)	Number of beneficiaries covered
2014-15	101.28	265602
2015-16	151.16	245584
2016-17	170.00	290295
2017-18	200.01	272731
2018-19	216.09	300865
2019-20	213.83	351629
2020-21	189.13	258749
2021-22	198.69	243387
2022-23	242.28	208448
Total	1682.47	2437290

Year-wise details of Cochlear Implant Surgeries conducted during the last 09 years under ADIP & CSR:-

Year	ADIP	CSR
2014-15	38	0
2015-16	301	13
2016-17	279	89
2017-18	302	140
2018-19	574	166
2019-20	712	178
2020-21	543	133
2021-22	678	32
2022-23	1142	3
Total	4569	754
Grand Total	5323	

4 (3) Deendayal Divyanjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):

Scheme revised w.e.f. 01.04.2022 wherein model projects of DDRS component have been conceptualized to cover all 21 disabilities as per the RPwD Act, 2016 and the number of model projects have been reduced from 9 to 8 whereas in the DDRC component, the provision of the maximum admissible manpower has been enhanced from 12 to 15.

Achievements: During the last seven years: Grant-in-Aid for Rs. 675.69 cr. has been released to 4395 projects under DDRS benefitting 3,18,651 beneficiaries as shown below:

Years	Funds released (In Rs Cr)	No. of NGOs	Beneficiaries
2014-15	50.08	640	36159

2015-16	50.19	579	35461
2016-17	45.00	592	34431
2017-18	60.00	562	35729
2018-19	70.00	543	41803
2019-20	101.66	432	38004
2020-21	83.18	340	31542
2021-22	100.89	318	30173
2022-23	114.69	389	35349
Total	675.69	4395	318651

- **Scheme was revised from 1st April, 2018 and the cost norms of the scheme were enhanced by 2.5 times** to cover the cost of assistive devices, rehabilitative services, education and boarding and lodging in the special schools.
- There are 456 Projects supported by DDRS running in 27 States/UTs and 348 districts.

4(4) SCHEMES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 2016 (SIPDA)

The Scheme for Implementation of Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 (SIPDA) is an umbrella “Central Sector Scheme” comprising of 10 sub-schemes. The following are the main sub-schemes/components under the umbrella SIPDA scheme:

- Creation of barrier free environment for Persons with Disabilities
- Accessible India Campaign (AIC)
- National Action Plan for Skill Development for PwDs
- Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Project
- Awareness Generation and Publicity (AGP)
- Cross Disability Early Intervention Centre
- Braille Press as a project through NIEPVD, Dehradun.

4(4) (i) Creation of barrier free environment for Persons with Disabilities: To provide barrier free environment for the persons with disabilities which includes access to built environment in schools, colleges, academic and training institutions, offices and public buildings, recreational areas, health centres/hospitals etc. This would include provision for ramps, rails, lifts, accessible toilets for wheelchair users, Braille signages and auditory signals, tactile flooring, slopes in pavements for the easy access of wheelchair users, engraving on the surface of zebra crossing for the blind or for persons with low vision, engraving on the edges of railway platforms for the blind or for low vision and devising appropriate symbols of disability, etc.

Financial Year	Funds released to State/UT Govt. including Autonomous organization/NIs and Statutory bodies	No. of buildings
2014-15	1153.05	93
2015-16	830.8	50
2016-17	1783.11	44
2017-18	1968.98	276
2018-19	1272.4	343
2019-20	1513.4	25
2020-21	2347.37	103
2021-22	1817.74	30
2022-23	2230.74	44
Total	14917.59	1008

4(4) (ii) Accelerating Accessibility: Accessible India Campaign (AIC):

- **A new initiative** for enhancing accessibility, creating awareness and sensitization for creation a universal barrier free environment was taken by the Central Government by launching the **Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan – AIC)** on 3rd December, 2015.

- Its 3 main pillars are in the process of becoming accessible. These are:
 - ✓ Built-Up Environment
 - ✓ Transportation System
 - ✓ Information & Communication (ICT) ecosystems.
- The **achievements of AIC across sectors** are :
 - ✓ **Built-Up Environment –**
 - Access Audit of 1671 buildings completed.
 - 1711 Government buildings, including 1100 Central Government building have been provided with features of accessibility.
 - **Transportation Sector –** Efforts are being made to make the transportation sector accessible.
 - **Airports:** 35 International Airports and 55 Domestic Airports have been provided with features of accessibility. Ambulifts are available at 12 airports.
 - **Railways:** All 709 A1, A & B category railway stations have been made fully accessible and 50% of all railway stations have been partially accessible with few short term Facilities..
 - **Roadways:** 42,348 (29.05%) buses have been made partially accessible and 8,695 (5.96%) made fully accessible
 - **ICT Ecosystem (Websites)**–Nearly 750 (732) Central and State/UT government websites have been made accessible.
 - **Accessibility in TV viewing –**
 - Being ensured in a phased manner.
 - 2447 news bulletins have been telecast with subtitling/sign-language interoperation by 19 news channels.
 - 17 general entertainment channels have telecast 3,686 scheduled programs/movies using subtitling
 - **Education –** Out of 11,68,292 government and government aided schools, 8,33,703 schools (71%) have been made barrier free with the provision of ramps, handrails and accessible toilets
 - **Formulation of Sector Specific Standards of Accessibility –**
 - The task of formulation of Sector Specific Standards/Guidelines of Accessibility is underway by respective Ministries/Departments, including Civil Aviation, Roadways, Railways, School and Higher Education, Culture, Tourism, MHA, Banking, Consumer Affairs and Sports.
 - Department is lending support through sensitization, handholding and by recommending experts in field of accessibility.
 - **Sugamya Bharat App:**
 - Helping in crowdsourcing grievances of accessibility being faced on ground in infrastructure and services and forwarding for redressal.
 - Helpful also in creating sensitization and awareness generation about importance of accessibility.

4(4) (iii) National Action Plan for Skill Development:

- ✓ In 2015, the National Action Plan was launched and guidelines were issued for streamlining the skill eco system of PwDs.
- ✓ In addition to NHFDC and NIs, training under NAP is provided through various Govt. and Non-Govt. organizations empanelled as Training Partners (ETPs) from across the country.
- ✓ The objective of the scheme is to provide vocational skill training to PwDs to enable them to become self-reliant and productive besides addressing livelihood issues.

- ✓ Funds under scheme are released as per guidelines issued by M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. PwDs are provided skill training in trade of their choice.
- ✓ They are also provided financial assistance of Rs.5000/- for Personal Assistive Device and Rs. 1000/1500 per month for conveyance during training.
- ✓ **Achievements- Since its inception, an amount of Rs. 204.68 Cr. has been released for skill training of 1.94 Lakhs PwDs. Details are as under in tabular format:-**

Funds released in Skilling of PwDs (from 2014-15 to 2022-23)			
S.No.	Year	Total	
		Amount released (Rs. in Cr)	No. of PwDs
1	2014-15	10.23	9000
2	2015-16	22.08	28042
3	2016-17	32.99	44276
4	2017-18	81.85	58210
5	2018-19	44.65	47286
6	2019-20	4.32	1434
7	2020-21	4.496	2918
8	2021-22	4.07	2911
9	2022-23	8.70	2391
	Total	204.686	194077

4(4) (iv) Unique Disability Identity (UDID):

- The Government of India launched the Unique Disability ID (UDID) Project in 2016-17 with an objective to create a national data base for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to issue UDID cards for all disabilities.
- 97% of the districts in the country are implementing the Project, except 22 districts in West Bengal and newly added districts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
- On May 5, 2021, a Notification has been issued regarding Disability Certificates as well as UDID cards to be issued only through this portal with effect from 1st June 2021.
- UDID cards have also been linked to DigiLocker for data security.
- As on 17.04.2023, 92.24 lakh Unique Disability ID cards generated in 716 Districts across all States/UTs.

4(4) (v) Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres:

- **14 new single-window** cross disability Early Intervention Centres (EICs) were rolled out on 17.06.2021 in its 7 National Institutes and 7 Composite Regional Centres. Further these centres are also being set up in other CRCs.
- These Centres undertake screening and identification, provide therapeutic and counselling services for different types of disabilities, and have provision of preparatory school for children in the 0-6 years age group.

4(4) (vi) Awareness Generation Programmes conducted by the Department:

Financial Year	Special Achievements/Major Events:
2015-16	Production and telecast of five episodes featuring important segments of disability sector and success of the Department including National Abilympics on Doordarshan National for the Show Hunnarbaz, Mission Skill India!
2016-17	Motorcycle Rally on 'Ride 4 an Accessible India' at India Gate, Lodhi Garden, Vasant Kunj and South Extension in which more than 600 motor bike riders and 6000 youth/students participated.
2017-18	The Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot felicitated 17 Member of Indian Blind Cricket Team for winning the Blind Cricket World Cup and presented them with a cash award of Rs.34 Lakhs at a function in New Delhi on 21.2.2018.
2019-20	A "Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disabilities" was organized on 18 th April, 2019 at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. Divyangjan artists of different categories of disabilities representing various States/ UTs all over the Country participated in various activities such as dancing, singing, music etc. and showcased their talents and abilities despite their disabilities.
	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) organized a cultural event titled "Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disabilities" on 23.7.2019 at Balyogi Auditorium, Parliament House in the presence of Hon'ble President of India, Prime Minister of India, Vice President, Speaker of Lok Sabha and Members of both the Houses of Parliament. Approx. 150-200 Divyangjan of different categories of disability representing various States/ UTs all over the Country participated in various activities such as dancing, singing, music etc.
	A "Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disabilities" was organized on 12 th March 2020 at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu in the presence of Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamil Nadu. Approx. 98 children and youth with various disabilities from all the five Southern zone participated in various activities such as dancing, singing, music etc.
2020-21	A "Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disabilities" was organized in March, 2021 at Ita Nagar, Arunachal Pradesh. Divyangjan artists of different categories of disabilities representing various States/ UTs all over the Country participated in various activities such as dancing, singing, music etc.
2021-2022	As part of 'India @75 National Celebration' and flagship programme for North-East India; the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPVD, Dehradun) organized "5th North-East India Traditional Fashion Week (NEIFW) 2021: The Divyangjan Movement – Empowering the Specially-Abled towards an inclusive India" event on 24 th & 25 th July, 2021. This 02 days online event was inaugurated by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, in the presence of Km. Pratima Bhoumik and Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Hon'ble Minister(s) for State for Social Justice and Empowerment and Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD.
	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD) organized a program on 10 th September, 2021 in New Delhi to felicitate the winners of the Tokyo Paralympics held at Tokyo, Japan wherein they were awarded cash prize to the individual winners. Around 200 guests witnessed this event in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of SJ&E Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Ministers of State Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Km. Pratima Bhoumik and other dignitaries.
	The AYJNISHD, Mumbai organized a sensitization workshop on 4 th -5 th March, 2022 in Kevadia, Gujarat on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, functioning of CCPD, various schemes being implemented by the Department alongwith best practices adopted by the various State Governments.
2022-2023	A "Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disabilities" was organized on 27 th April, 2022 at Nehru Centre Auditorium, Worli in Mumbai, the event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari, the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Children and youth with different disabilities from western region states such as Maharashtra, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Daman & Diu participated in this event.
	A Two Days Sensitization Programme was held on 15 th -16 th September, 2022 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh to sensitize the authorities of States/UTs about their role and responsibilities in implementation of the Provisions of RPwD Act and Rule made thereunder and to expand outreach of the programmes of the Government.

	<p>The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister (SJ&E) in the presence of Ministers of State for (SJ&E), Shri Ramdas Athawale and Sushree Pratima Bhoumik. Ministers from the 4 State/UTs namely Delhi, Goa, Odisha & Punjab and Senior Officers from 18 States/UTs participated in the said meeting. He stated that the Centre for Disability Sports is being set up at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 171.00 Crore and is expected to be made functional during the current financial year. The center will have State-of-the-art facilities for training of Divyang Sports Persons to enable them to compete in National/International Platforms.</p>
	<p>A 6-day (2-7 December, 2022) Divya Kala Mela, was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) on the Kartavya Path of India Gate, Delhi.</p> <p>On this occasion, the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the online sell portal www.nhfdcfoundation.org for the disabled and distributed a seed grant amount of more than Rs. 16 lakhs to 75 Divyang by IDEA-SAKSHAM for their self-employment.</p> <p>In "Divya Kala Mela" more than 200 Divyang craftsmen, artists, entrepreneurs from 22 states and union territories displayed their skills, art and entrepreneurship and were given an amount of Rs. 5000/- each for their life insurance also employment letters from various companies were also provided to a dozen Divyangs.</p>
	<p>Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar inaugurated the 'Divya Kala Shakti' Programme at Rang Bhawan Auditorium, Akashwani Bhawan, Delhi, on 10th December 2022. The cultural event was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), in collaboration with PDUNIPPD, a National Institution under the Administrative control of the Department.</p> <p>Approximately 100 Divyang Artistes from different States, Cultural Societies, Institutions, Civil Societies from Northern regions and about 300 dignitaries representing Senior Government officials, Creative personalities, Educators, Principals, various disability advocacy groups etc. participated in the event.</p>
	<p>The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) (Divyangjan), organized a special cultural event "Divya Kala Shakti-2022" at GMCH Auditorium, Guwahati on 17th December, 2022 in collaboration with Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), a National Institution under the Administrative control of the Department.</p>
	<p>Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar inaugurated a two day sensitization workshop on "Issues relating to Empowerment of persons with Disabilities" in association with the Purple Festival in Goa on 6th-7th January, 2023 at Taj Vivanta, Panaji, Goa. The two day workshop focuses on improving accessibility, implementation-related issues of various schemes and programmes for Persons with Disabilities, innovations and action plans in the field of accessibility. Representatives of States/UTs Government and some of the eminent NGOs participated in the workshop.</p>
	<p>A 10 Day (16-25 February, 2023) "Divya Kala Mela" 2023 was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) at MMRDA Ground-1 at Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai.</p> <p>Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virendra Kumar, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment and Lok Sabha MP Shri Gopal Shetty were also present on the occasion.</p> <p>Around 200 disabled artisans, artists and entrepreneurs from around 22 States and Union Territories exhibited their products and skills in the fair. Home decor & lifestyle, clothing, stationery and eco-friendly products, edibles and organic products, toys and gifts, personal items - jewellery etc. are the main attractions of the fair.</p> <p>In the Divya Kala Mela, products from different parts of the country, including Jammu-Kashmir and the North-Eastern States, are being exhibited, along with handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery works and food items.</p>
	<p>A 10 Day (13-23 March, 2023) "Divya Kala Mela" 2023 was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) at Bhopal Haat,</p>

	<p>Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.</p> <p>Around 115 disabled artisans, artists and entrepreneurs from around 22 States and Union Territories exhibited their products and skills in the fair. Home decor & lifestyle, clothing, stationery and eco-friendly products, edibles and organic products, toys and gifts, personal items - jewellery etc. are the main attractions of the fair.</p> <p>In the Divya Kala Mela, products from different parts of the country, including Jammu-Kashmir and the North-Eastern States, are being exhibited, along with handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery works and food items.</p> <p>The fair featured a series of cultural activities including performances by differently-abled artists and renowned professionals.</p>
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Physical and Financial Progress under Awareness Generation & Publicity Scheme (AGP)		
(Rs. in Crore)		
Financial Year	Actual Expenditure	No. of Events (physical achievements)
2014-2015	0.71	17
2015-2016	2.62	44
2016-2017	2.7	24
2017-2018	1.74	28
2018-2019	1.15	15
2019-2020	2.12	17
2020-2021	1.17	11
2021-2022	2.24	11
2022-2023	5.38	15
Total	19.83	182

4(4) (vii) Support For Establishment/Modernization/ Capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses: The Department launched the scheme of Support for Establishment/Modernization/Capacity Augmentation of Braille Presses in 2014-15. The main objective of the Scheme is to facilitate the production of Braille Text Books for free distribution to children with visual impairments studying in various schools in the country. National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun is the nodal agency for operation of the Scheme. So far 28 Braille Presses have been supported under this project as shown under:

Physical and Financial Achievement of the “Project on Braille Presses”

F.Y.	Financial Achievement (GIA Released) (Non-Recurring & Recurring) (Rs. in Lakhs)	Total Printed Pages (in Lakhs)	Total Beneficiaries	
			Institutional Beneficiaries	Individual Beneficiaries
2014-15	130.18	-	-	-
2015-16	1236.38	14.92	8	11
2016-17	913.53	124.45	319	12,002
2017-18	661.34	166.03	420	44,509
2018-19	755.60	178.50	479	37,051
2019-20	86.57	131.22	316	26,695
2020-21	514.90	62.30	126	14,510
2021-22	310.39	132.86	506	7,587
2022-23 *	194.13	128.47	1,489	7,915
Total	4803.02	938.75	3,663	1,50,280

*(Till 31.12.2022)

5. CPSEs:

5 (1) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO):

- Modernization of **ALIMCO** sanctioned at a cost of Rs 338.04 crore with financial support of Rs 200.00 crore from Central Government. Post modernization, ALIMCO's production capacity will be increased by 2.5 times. ALIMCO Auxiliary Production Centres were set up in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh at the cost of Rs.13.94 crores. State of the Art ALIMCO Auxillary Production Centre is being setup in Faridabad, Haryana at the cost of Rs.55.00 crores.
- For production of modern assistive devices ALIMCO entered into a Technology Transfer Agreement (TTA) with M/s Motivation, U.K. for manufacturing two models of WHO approved Wheelchairs.
- A Transfer Technology Agreement signed between ALIMCO & M/s Ottobock Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd. for manufacturing of modern artificial limbs.

5 (2) National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation: The main objectives of NHFDC are to promote economic developmental activities for the benefit/ economic rehabilitation and to promote self employment and other ventures of the handicapped persons. The Corporation has framed various schemes (credit based as well as non-credit based) for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities. The credit based schemes are mainly implemented through State Channelizing Agency (SCAs) nominated by the State/UT Govt and of-late; by Scheduled Commercial Banks/ Regional Rural Banks; Micro Finance institutions; NBFC-MFI, Section-8-MFI, and NGO-MFI, SHG Federations, etc.

The non-credit based schemes are mainly to promote skilling and for marketing support; are grant based (obtained by Corporation from various source) and are implemented either directly by the Corporation or through selected NGOs/Agencies.

The Corporation has 2 flagship schemes to channelize concessional finance (loan) to the PwDs. Divyangjan Swavalamban Yojana (DSY) is individual centric, while the other scheme, i.e., Vishesh Microfinance Yojana (VMY) is a group centric scheme.

The financial and Physical achievements made by the corporation during FY 2014-15 to 2022-23 under concessional loans and skill trainings are as under:

- **Concessional Loans :** During the period under reference, i.e., FY 2014-15 to 2022-23, cumulative amount of Rs. 1007.62 Crore has been released under NHFDC schemes (DSY & VMY) for the benefit of 1.45 lakh PwDs. Year-wise data (Physical & financial) in respect of achievements of the Corporation are as under :

Financial Year	Number of beneficiaries	Funds Released (Rs. in crore)
2014-2015	14703	101.49
2015-2016	20552	131.08
2016-2017	16101	107.51
2017-2018	11767	90.14
2018-2019	11221	95.98
2019-2020	17935	113.22
2020-2021	18326	133.62
2021-2022	16713	112.75
2022-2023	18028	121.83
Total	145346	1007.62

- **Impact Made:** Recently, an impact assessment was carried out in respect of NHFDC schemes, through third party agency NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS). The assessment covered the period from 2014-15 to 2019-20 (i.e. 6 years) in 21 states. The major findings of the above evaluation report are as under:-
 - **Income generation by the beneficiaries:** In 89.68% cases there was an increase in income due to the income generating activity taken up with financial support from NHFDC.
 - **Hedging against uncertainties affecting the project/business:** Majority of beneficiaries started saving for a better future from the very beginning of their income generating activity.
 - **Change in the life of beneficiaries at family level:** In 47% cases the living standard improved, while in 24.4% cases they achieved financial stability and improved economic conditions.

6. Statutory Bodies:

6 (1) Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI): The Rehabilitation Council of India regulates and monitors the training of rehabilitation professionals and personnel and promotes research in rehabilitation and special education. RCI has undertaken digitization of registration process of rehabilitation professionals and personnel in the Central Rehabilitation Register and simplification and digitization of process of grant of recognition to institutions.

- It has recognized about 60 programmes which includes Master, Bachelor, Diploma and Certificate level programmes.

Number of Rehabilitation Professional/ Personnel registered:

- Total number of Registered Professional/ Personnel: --2,05,522.
 - ❖ These inter-alia includes:
 - Special Teachers: --1,57,652
 - Audiologists and Speech Therapists: --13,024
 - Clinical Psychologists: --3,251
 - Rehabilitation Psychologists: --2,725
 - Prosthetics and orthotics : --3,031
 - Speech and Hearing Technicians: --4,270
- RCI developed a Curriculum for six month's duration Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) programme jointly with the University of Melbourne to create a pool of grass-root level workers for facilitating inclusion of PwDs in society.

6 (2) Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)-

- Office of the CCPD, a Quasi-Judicial Body works independently to safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities in terms of non-discrimination, ensuring equal opportunities and full participation in the society.
- From the year 2014-15, 12338 cases have been registered in the office of CCPD and 13087 (including backlog) had been disposed off by the end of March, 2023.

6 (3) National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (NT):

- Set up through an Act of Parliament in 1999 and mandated to:
 - ❖ Provide legal guardianship for Persons with the above four categories of disabilities through Local Level Committee (LLC) headed by DM/DC. LLC constituted in all 740 districts of the country.
 - ❖ Work for the welfare of these PwDs for their rehabilitation and integration through schemes and programmes.

- **Implements the following schemes through about 161 registered organisations:**

- **DISHA (Early Intervention & School Readiness for 0-10 years) Scheme-** Through this scheme, quality of life of several children has been improved. Parents of the children are also trained under the scheme to undertake this at home. Children are refer to Disha centre from Hospitals and Doctors for long term care and training. Provision of transport is available for beneficiary under the scheme. During the last 9 years, National Trust has implemented 115 Disha centres benefitting 4314 Beneficiaries. Presently, we have 33 Disha centres. An amount of Rs. 15.39 Crore has been released under the scheme during this period for 4319 beneficiaries.

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23*	
Financial	Physical (No. of Benef)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Benef)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Benef)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Benef)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Benef)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Benef)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Benef)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Benef)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Benef)
0	0	0.52	640	3.13	980	3.35	680	1.69	317	1.24	480	2.09	491	1.53	399	1.84	327

- **VIKAAS (Day Care for 10 years and above) -** Provision of transport is available for beneficiary under the scheme. Through Vikaas scheme, beneficiaries get opportunity to spend their time in learning interpersonal and vocational skill as they are on a transition to higher age group. Under Vikaas scheme beneficiaries are provided training in learning interpersonal skill. They are providing vocational training as per their capacity skill. During the last 9 years, National Trust has implemented 124 Vikaas centres benefitting 6672 Beneficiaries. Presently, we have 34 Vikaas centres. An amount of Rs. 26.94 Crore has been released under the scheme during this period.

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Financial	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)
0	0	0.53	540	6.27	1693	4.75	987	2.86	637	2.00	518	3.48	790	3.40	783	3.65	724

- **SAMARTH (Respite Care Residential scheme)-** The scheme aims also at providing opportunity for families to fulfil other responsibilities. Many beneficiaries were provided age specific vocational activity, pre-vocational activity and assistance for training under the scheme. The beneficiaries are also provided necessary medical care and treatment in the Samarth centres. During the last 9 years, the scheme provided respite home facilities to 1937 Person with Disability who are orphan or abandoned or from the family in crisis through 45 Samarth centres. Presently, we have 12 Samarth centres. An amount of Rs. 12.62 Crore has been incurred during the period under the scheme.

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Financial	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)
0.07	4	0.41	83	2.50	404	3.05	432	1.13	211	0.78	111	1.35	160	1.53	311	1.80	221

- **GHARAUNDA (Group home for adults) -** The scheme aims to setting up Gharaunda centre for lifelong shelter and care of Divyangjan and encourages

assisted living with independence, dignity and provides care services on a sustainable basis. The beneficiaries are also provided necessary medical care and treatment in the Gharaunda centres. During the last 9 years, the scheme provided residential home facilities to 2324 Adult Person with Disability for quality of care services through 50 Gharaunda centres. Presently, we have 24 Gharaunda centres. An amount of Rs. 22.38 Crore has been incurred during the period under the scheme.

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Financial	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)
0.32	62	0.35	165	3.66	233	4.04	272	1.81	235	1.37	285	3.23	275	3.73	450	3.87	347

- DISHA cum VIKAAS (Day Care)-** For the Registered Organizations, who were implementing multiple schemes, an option for implementing merged scheme was given. Based on the consent given by the ROs and the scheme guidelines, 41 ROs were allotted the merged Disha-cum-Vikaas Scheme (Day Care) w.e.f. 01.04.2018. Provision of transport is available for beneficiary under the scheme. Through Disha-cum-Vikaas scheme, beneficiaries get opportunity to spend their time in learning interpersonal and vocational skill as they are on a transition to higher age group. Under Disha-cum-Vikaas scheme beneficiaries are provided training in learning interpersonal skill. They are providing vocational training as per their capacity skill. At present, National Trust has implemented 45 Disha-cum-Vikaas centres benefitting 5657 Beneficiaries. An amount of Rs. 25.96 Crore has been released under the scheme during this period.

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Financial	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.96	1052	4.21	989	7.15	1325	5.79	1232	5.85	1059

- SAMARTH cum GHARAUNDA (Residential Scheme) -** For the Registered Organizations, who were implementing multiple schemes, an option for implementing merged scheme was given. Based on the consent given by the ROs and the scheme guidelines, 12 ROs were allotted the merged Samarth-cum-Gharaunda Scheme (Residential) w.e.f. 1.4.2018. The scheme aims to setting up Samarth-cum-Gharaunda centre for lifelong shelter and care of Divyangjan and encourages assisted living with independence, dignity and provides care services on a sustainable basis. The beneficiaries are also provided necessary medical care and treatment in the Samarth-cum-Gharaunda centres. At present, the scheme provided residential home facilities to 1362 Adult Person with Disability for quality of care services through 13 Samarth-cum-Gharaunda centres. Presently. An amount of Rs. 10.84 Crore has been incurred during the period under the scheme.

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Financial	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.71	160	1.31	179	2.42	283	2.93	420	3.47	320

- **NIRAMAYA (Health Insurance Scheme)-** Under the scheme, Insurance cover of Rs. 1 Lakh per annum for Divyangjan covered under National Trust Act through any doctor/health care centre. Under the scheme, around 1 Lakh beneficiaries every year are being enrolled. Enrollment under the scheme is done on-line through over 541 Registered Organization in the country. Provision of renewal of the applications can be done directly by Parents/Guardians of Divyangjan through National Trust website. During the last 9 years, 9.35 Lakh beneficiaries have been enrolled and an amount of Rs. 80.08 Cr. has been spent under the scheme.

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Financial	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)	Financial (In Rs Cr)	Physical (No. of Ben)
4.99	38512	5.74	74730	4.63	76670	7.3	95831	8.05	96716	11.52	77086	8.81	174979	11.38	113292	17.66	187290
