

Monthly Summary

Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of April, 2019 in respect of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan):-

1. The Department organized a cultural event 'Divyang Kala Shakti: Witnessing Ability in Disability' at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Center on 18th April, 2019 before the Hon'ble President of India. This cultural evening was graced by the presence of senior officers of Government, foreign diplomats, prominent NGOs in disability sector and officials of Rashtrapati Bhavan. Talented young divyang artists drawn from across States mesmerised the fully packed auditorium by their proficient display of potential in music- vocal or instrumental, and solo or group dance form - classical, folk and modern. These artists, despite their disabilities- be it physical, visual, hearing, intellectual or multiple disabilities- showcased by their performance that they are unstoppable in realising their dreams. On this occasion, Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Center was declared fully accessible for persons with disabilities.
2. National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai observed the World Autism Awareness Day on 02.04.2019. The main focus of the event was to create awareness on Autism and to make the parents understand the potential of their children. A Competition on poster preparation and presentation was also held on various themes.
3. The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) registered 357 Professionals and 624 Personnel in the Central Rehabilitation Register. The Council granted 62 and 01 Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) programmes/short-term Training Programmes without and with financial assistance respectively.
4. Office of Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) received 56 cases and disposed of 105 cases (including backlog) in the month of April, 2019.
5. National Institute of Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai served 703 new cases and 4979 follow up beneficiaries in the month of

April, 2019. NIEPMD organized an awareness rally on Accessible Elections for Persons with Disabilities on 9th April at Pudhucherry about election process for persons with disabilities, parents and students.

6. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun served 1507 new cases and follow up cases served were 7672 during the month of April, 2019. The Institute organized a Awareness rally on 9.4.2019 to create awareness among general masses for encouraging the increase of poll percentage by casting their votes.
7. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech & Hearing Disabilities (AYJNIHH), Mumbai served 2333 new cases and follow up cases served were 5757 during the month of April, 2019. The Institute conducted 5 awareness camps throughout the country benefitting 377 persons with disabilities.
