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MESSAGE



Dr. Pramod Sawant

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa

I extend my congratulations to the whole staff of the Office of the State Commissioner for People with Disabilities for successfully completing their first year. I applaud the efforts made by the commission employees to pursue various steps that will empower people with disabilities. Since its inception, the commission has run a number of programmes to increase public awareness on disability.

A unique initiative like 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity', was a result of the determination and inclination toward the disability sector of Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, and Taha Haaziq, the Secretary at the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

The Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity is India's first-of-its-kind inclusive festival that embraced and celebrated persons with disabilities. It makes me proud that Goa, despite its small size, has taken such an enormous step and paved the way for a new India that is inclusive.

I wish the entire staff of the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities the best of luck for their future endeavors to make Goa an inclusive state.

MESSAGE



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai

Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Goa

It has been a year since I took the oath as Social Welfare Minister. I am overwhelmed by the love I am receiving from the disabled community. On a personal level, the past year has been a very valuable learning experience for me. I am appreciative of the work being done by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for the welfare of the persons with disabilities.

The Commission has taken a variety of measures to ensure that persons with disabilities are treated with justice, from organising awareness and sensitization programmes to taking suo motu cognizance of disability-related issues. Through increased community awareness and a shared vision for an inclusive society, we can reduce disability inequity. We can create a space where people living with a disability lead happier, healthier, safer and more fulfilling lives.

MESSAGE



Shri.Guruprasad Pawaskar

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

It is my honor to serve as the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. I am committed to working tirelessly to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to the same opportunities and rights as every other member of our society.

People with disabilities are an integral part of our community, and it is crucial that we create an inclusive and welcoming environment for them. This means removing physical and societal barriers, advocating for their needs and concerns, and promoting awareness and education.

As Commissioner, I am dedicated to working with government agencies, community organizations, and individuals to create meaningful change and to ensure that the voices of people with disabilities are heard and their rights are protected.

Together, we can create a society where everyone has the chance to thrive and reach their full potential, regardless of their abilities.

MESSAGE



Shri. Taha Haaziq

Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

As Secretary of the Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, I am honored to work alongside our Commissioner to advocate for the rights and needs of people with disabilities.

Our mission is to promote a society where everyone, regardless of their abilities, has the same opportunities to live, work, and participate in our communities. We believe that this can only be achieved through collaboration and partnership with government agencies, community organizations, and individuals.

We are committed to removing barriers and ensuring access to essential services such as healthcare, education, employment, transportation, and housing. We also recognize the importance of promoting awareness and education to eliminate stigmas and foster understanding and acceptance of people with disabilities.

Our office is dedicated to working with state and local governments to develop policies and programs that are inclusive and accessible to all. We strive to provide guidance and support to individuals with disabilities and their families, as well as to businesses and organizations that are committed to creating a more inclusive society.

Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

About Us

The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is a statutory body constituted under the Central Act of Persons with Disabilities, 1995. The main function of the Commission is monitoring the implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in the state of Goa.

Mission

To empower persons with disabilities through its various acts/rules/ institution, organization and schemes for rehabilitation and to create an enabling environment that provides such persons with equal opportunities, protection of their Rights and enables them to participate as independent and productive members of society.

Vision

To build an inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth and development of persons with disabilities so that they can lead productive, safe and dignified lives.

Organisation Structure



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Goa



Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar
State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities



Shri. Taha Haaziq
Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities



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Shri. Prashant Raut
Lower Division Clerk



Smt. Sushanti Sawant
Lower Division Clerk



Shri. Prashant Gaonkar
Driver



Shri. Narayan Kubal
Multi Tasking Staff



Shri. Mithin Gaonkar
Multi Tasking Staff

The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt of Goa has dedicated its efforts to building an inclusive society, empowering persons with disabilities and creating enabling environment for them. The current commission body started its service in January 2022. In the one-year duration, the Commission has made great strides in upholding its mission and vision. The Commission has notably worked on five broad categories : Awareness and Sensitisation, Accessibility of public infrastructure, Inclusive Education, Disability Certification and UDID registrations and Employment initiatives.



International Women's Day Celebration

Date: 8 March 2022



Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar along with the parents of CwDs



Panelists while addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion held on the occasion of Women's Day.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the state commission in collaboration with Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Porvorim held a panel discussion where mothers of children with disabilities shared their stories outlining the incredible determination and spirit in fulfilling the dual job of being working mothers and raising their CwDs with exceptional care. The program was compered by teacher Seblina.

The panellists included Sheetal Gaonkar, Swarnali Sarkar, Elizabeth Qurian, Maya Kamat and Mariamma Lobo, mothers of CwDs who have gone to all extents to ensure that their children had the best lives and were being raised to succeed. Senior journalist, Prakash Kamat, Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Disability Commissioner and Tatu Kudalkar, headmaster of Sanjay School, were also among the participants.

The panel was moderated by Dr. Durgesh Majik and saw discussions revolving around the aspects of the children with disabilities being important members of society and their right to receive equal treatment, to have provisions for their future, and for cooperation from the community without showing sympathy.

Awareness and Sensitisation Programme for KTCL staff

Date: 31 March 2022



Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar while presenting memento to Shri. Arun Kumar Mishra, Secretary, Social Welfare



Shri. Arun Kumar Mishra Secretary, Social Welfare while lighting the lamp at the event

A 12-session training programme was organised for the employees of the Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited. Kadamba is the public transport service in the state. The programme held at Sanjay Centre for Special Education in Porvorim, focused on providing a comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by visual and hearing-impaired persons. This programme aimed at ensuring that the KTCL staff could understand the challenges faced by the passengers with disabilities and assist them to make their travel hassle-free.

The programme was inaugurated by Social Welfare Secretary Arun Kumar Mishra. Goa State Commissioner for PwDs Guruprasad Pawaskar, Deputy Director admin/in-charge of special cell for empowerment of persons with disabilities Taha Haaziq, Managing Director of KTCL Daryk Neto, Chairperson of KTCL Deepak Naik, Ex-State Disability Commissioner Anuradha Joshi, President of Disability Rights Association of Goa Avelino De Sa and State Disability Advisory Board member and senior journalist Prakash Kamat were present at the event.

At this programme 1200 participants including conductors, drivers and KTCL administration staff received the training. It was a first-of-its-kind awareness and sensitisation programme held in the state.

Autism Awareness Drive at various KTCL bus stands

Date: 21 April 2022



Students from Dnyan Vardhini Divyang Training College while performing a street play.



Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities along with Taha Haaziq, Deputy Director of Social Welfare & students from Dnyan Vardhini Divyang Training College.

The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare, the Disability Rights Association of Goa (DRAG), and Dnyanvardhini Divyang Training College, Vasco held Autism Awareness Drive at various Kadamba bus stands to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Students from Dnyan Vardhini Divyang Training College performed a street play at the bus stands to raise awareness about Autism among the general public. The State Commissioner for PwDs Guruprasad Pawaskar, Deputy Director of Social Welfare Taha Haaziq, DRAG President Avelino De Sa and State Disability Advisory member and senior journalist Prakash Kamat were present.

The drive was a success in raising autism awareness among citizens as it saw a large crowd gathered at the bus stands in Vasco, Margao, and Panjim. The Drive not only raised public awareness, but people with disabilities who were present at various venues reached out to the staff to discuss their grievances.

Felicitation of Goan Para Players

Date: 8 May 2022



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar and Shri. Taha Haaziq along with the para players who were felicitated for their achievements.

The Goan para players who competed in the Para National Championship were felicitated by Subhash Phaldesai, Social Welfare Minister.

Lloyd Leo Fernandes, who won the silver medal at the National Para Table Tennis Championship, as well as other participants Chetan Salgaonkar, Gopal Naik, Lyndon Cardozo, Anupa Pilgaonkar, Ruki Rajasab, Moises Rodrigues, and Patrick D'Souza were felicitated by the minister. Sakshi Kale, who won the Para Athletics national championship, and Gopal Cuncoliekar, who competed in the National Para Badminton championship were also felicitated.

KTC Chairman and Navelim MLA Ulhas Tuenkar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar, Arun Kumar Mishra, IAS, Secretary, Social Welfare, Deputy Director admin/in-charge of special cell for empowerment of persons with disabilities Taha Haaziq, KTCL Managing Director Sanjay Ghate, President of Disability Rights Association of Goa Avelino De Sa, Goa Paralympic Association head Sudesh Thakur were also present at the event.

First-of-its-kind inclusive education workshop for 1400 educational institutes

Date : 30 June 2022



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar, Shri. Taha Haaziq along with the speakers Dr. Homiyar Mobedji and Dr. Gargi Sinha.



Officials from the various educational institutions at the inclusive education workshop held at Sanjay School.

Inclusive Education workshop was held at the Sanjay Centre for Special Education in collaboration with the State Council of Educational Research and Training. This was the first workshop of its kind ever conducted on this scale, which included 1400 educational institutes from elementary to university level, aided and unaided.

Subhash Phal Dessai, Minister for Social Welfare, Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Taha Haaziq, the Secretary, Goa State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Dr. Homiyar Mobedji, Disability Expert, Program Management Asia and Africa for Benetech California, USA and Dr. Gargi Sinha, the officiating principal at Dnyanvardhini Divyang Training College, Vasco were among those present.

Dr Homiyar Mobedji, Disability Expert, Program Management Asia and Africa for Benetech California, USA introduced various technologies and resources available to persons with disabilities.

Dr. Gargi Sinha, the officiating principal at Dnyanvardhini Divyang Training College, Vasco spoke about the concept of inclusive education. The workshop also covered issues related to admission of children with disabilities, access to reading material, and resource centres.

Special camp for disability certificates held at Sanguem PHC

Date : 31 July 2022



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai along with a Person with Disability at the camp



The concered officials while collecting the information from the PwDs at the camp.

The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare and the Directorate of Health Services held a medical assessment camp at the Sanguem Primary Health Centre.

This camp was aimed at providing disabilities certificates and generating UDID cards for persons with disabilities. This camp was specifically designed for people with orthopedic disabilities, visual impairment and hearing impairment. This service was entirely free.

This camp had qualified medical professionals on hand who examined the applicant and issued the certificate right away. The camp attracted over 100 people from the Sanguem taluka and more than 60 people with disabilities were eligible for the disability certificate and received the certificate.

Awareness programme for High Court of Bombay at Goa staff

Date: 2 August 2022

An awareness and sensitisation programme on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 was held for staff of the High Court of Bombay at Goa in association with the Goa State Legal Services Authority.

Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Adv. Devidas Pangam, Advocate General for the state of Goa, G.G. Bhansali, Registrar (Judicial) High Court of Bombay at Goa and Anuradha Joshi, Ex-State Commissioner were present at the programme.

Meanwhile, Anuradha Joshi, Ex-State Commissioner for PwDs gave a detailed overview of the Right to Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the 21 types of disabilities it covers for the knowledge of all attendees.



Adv. Devidas Pangam, Advocate General for the state of Goa while addressing the audience at the High Court of Bombay

Talent competition for PwDs on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Date: 15 August 2022

On the occasion of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Goa State Commission for Persons with Disabilities had organised a fancy dress competition for the Children with Disabilities. The patriotic singing competition was also held for PwDs.

The fancy dress competition was open to students in the age group of 5-18 and was based on the theme 'A person who has made a significant contribution to India's development'. While the patriotic singing competition was open for PwDs over 18.

The Fancy dress competition was won by Mackvin Nazareth, Pranya Kashyap came in second place, and Sankrit Naik came in third place. The consolation prizes went to Chaya Kumbar, Nitin Bhosle and Akash Harijan.

The Singing competition was won by Nympha Fernandes, Sara Dalal came in second place, and Resha Vernekar came in third place. The consolation prize went to Vincilla Pareira.

Workshop for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Date : 14 September 2022



Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar while lighting the lamp at the workshop.



Physiotherapist, Ms. Lorraine Fernandes demonstrating some work out moves during the Guidance Workshop.

A workshop for parents of children with disabilities was held at the Sanjay Center for Special Education on the topic of home-based therapeutic interventions for children with intellectual disabilities.

The Commission had initiated a series of interactive workshops on various themes in order to support the parents of children with disabilities who go above and beyond to give their children the best care possible. This was the first session of the series. This workshop series aims to educate, advise, and provide practical support for parents of children with disabilities.

The workshop attracted more than 100 parents and was inaugurated by Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Taha Haaziq, Secretary for the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Neetal Amonkar, Member Secretary of Sanjay School, and Tatu Kudalkar, Headmaster of Sanjay School. Dr. Dwarkanath Kamat, Physiotherapist, Dr. Lorraine Fernandes, Dr. Supriya Khandeparkar, Occupational Therapist, Dr. Siddhika Raul and Dipti Jog, Speech Therapist explained the importance of exercises in improving the physical and functional condition of children.

Workshop for Cluster Resource Persons

Date: 20 September 2022



Smt. Pushkar Sakhardande addressing the audience at the training programme held for CRPs.



CRPs while discussing during the interactive activity organised during the workshop

An awareness and training programme for Cluster Resource Persons (CRPs) was held in association with the Goa Samagra Shiksha.

Shailesh Zhingde, Director, Directorate of Education, Dr. Shambhu Ghadi, State Project Director, Goa Samagra Shiksha, Taha Haaziq, Secretary, Goa State Commission for PwDs, Dr. Nandita D'souza, Developmental Pediatrician & Director, Sethu Centre and Dr. Gargi Sinha, Dyanvardhini divyang college of B.Ed special education were present at the programme.

The training programme conducted by Dr. Nandita Dsouza and Dr. Gargi Sinha attracted more than 100 CRPs. The orientation event was held at the District Project Office in Margao for the South district CRPs and at the New SCERT in Porvorim for the North district CRPs.

Meeting with NGOs working in the field of disability

Date: 24 September 2022





Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar and Shri. Taha Haaziq along with the members of the various NGOs and officials of the various educational institutions for CwDs of the State.

The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Guruprasad Pawaskar, held a meeting with NGOs working in the field of disability, advisory committee members and institutions working across Goa for the welfare of persons with disabilities.

During the meeting, the State Commissioner for PwDs demonstrated the activities that have been carried out or initiatives taken so far by the Commission. Furthermore, he asked all attendees to share their suggestions for improving the welfare of persons with disabilities or best practices they have implemented.

In the meeting, attendees stressed the importance of a separate queue for persons with disabilities in hospitals. They urged the Commissioner to organize career guidance workshops and sex education workshops for children with disabilities. Furthermore, they demanded the establishment of disability cells in every government department to cater to the needs of people with disabilities. Also, they have requested that Social Welfare department forms be made available online.

District level Blind Cricket Match

Date: 2 October 2022



Shri. Sadanand Shet Tanavade, Chairman, EDC while wishing Blind Cricket players during the district tournament.



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai while wishing the Blind Cricket players during the district tournament.

The Office of the State Commissioner for PwDs held District Level Blind Cricket Match on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. The match was held between the North Goa and South Goa team. The North Goa team was the winner of this match.

The event was inaugurated by Subhash Phal Dessai, Minister for Social Welfare, Sadanand Shet, EDC President, Kedar Naik, Saligao MLA. Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for PwDs, Taha Haaziq, Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for PwDs, were also present at the event. Players expressed their gratitude for organising such match. They were happy since they got an opportunity after a long time.



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, Shri. Kedar Naik, Saligao MLA, Shri. Sadanand Shet Tanavade, Chairman, EDC and the commission staff along with the cricket players.

Awareness Workshop for Grievance Redressal Officers

Date: 5 October 2022



Shri. Taha Haaziq, Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities while addressing the Grievances Redressal Officers at the workshop.

The Office of the State Commissioner for persons with disabilities conducted a sensitisation workshop for Grievance Redressal Officers of all departments across the state, as part of its efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

There were over 100 Grievance Redressal Officers present at the workshop. The training was led by Taha Haaziq, Secretary, the Office of the State Commissioner for persons with disabilities, who also provided an overview of the RPwD Act, 2016, as well as explained roles and responsibilities of Grievance Redressal Officers.

Section 23 of the RPwD Act, 2016 mandates the appointment of a Grievance Redressal Officer in every government department. Their role is to work with the department head to find solutions to problems experienced by employees with disabilities. The training was the first of its kind in the state for the Grievance Redressal Officers for PwDs, and the workshop received a resoundingly positive response from them.

Workshop for Parents of CwDs

Date: 8 October 2022

A workshop for parents of children with disabilities was held at the Sanjay Center for Special Education on the topic of Managing nutrition for children with disabilities. The workshop was led by Dr. Varsha Naik.

The Commission had initiated a series of interactive workshops on various themes in order to support the parents of children with disabilities who go above and beyond to give their children the best care possible. This was the second session of the series. This workshop series aims to educate, advise, and provide practical support for parents of children with disabilities.



Dr. Varsha Naik while addressing the parents of CwDs at the workshop.



Parents of CwDs at the workshop held at Sanjay School.

Evaluation and Rehabilitation Guidance Camp for Employment of PwDs

Date: 20 October 2022

The Office of the State Commissioner forersons with Disabilities, Goa in association with the National Career Service Centre for Differently Abled, Mumbai and Disability Rights Association of Goa had organised an Evaluation and Rehabilitation Guidance Camp for employment of persons with disabilities.

The camp for PwDs residing in the North Goa district was held at the Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Porvorim and for PwDs residing in the South Goa district was held at the Gujarati Samaj Educational Trust for the Handicapped, Margao.

Pre-pandemic job markets already had "significant" barriers for people with disabilities. However, existing barriers have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Thus, the State Commission for PwDs has set up a two-day camp with the goal of empowering persons with disabilities to become self-sufficient. During the camp evaluation of persons with disabilities was done to assess their physical efficiencies, measure their psychological strength, aptitude and areas of interest to unfold their potentials.



Film course for Persons with Disabilities

Date: 21 - 28 November 2022

With an objective to make art accessible to all and to empower Persons with Disabilities (PwD), the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune in association with the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities hosted two special film courses as a part of 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa. The courses come under FTII's Centre for Open Learning (CFOL) initiative, National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG)

COURSE IN SMARTPHONE FILMMAKING FOR AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS

This special course was curated by Ajmal Jami, a reputed professional in the field of visual communication. The course featured diverse modules including the basics of shooting and editing video footage on smartphones. This was coupled with sessions introducing different languages of cinema. Moreover, a screening and review session was organized at the end of the module.

COURSE IN SCREEN ACTING FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS

This particular course in screen acting catered to wheelchair users was helmed by Jijoy P. R., a renowned theatre artist, film actor, trainer and producer. Also, he holds the position of the Dean in charge (Film) and Associate Professor, Acting at FTII, Pune. The special highlights of the 6 module course included an introduction to Natyashastra followed by acting games and sense awareness games. Furthermore, the course laid a special emphasis on the Hasya rasa or comedy.



Participants with disabilities along with trainers.

Celebration of International Day for Persons with Disabilities

Date: 5 December 2022



A person while donating blood at the camp.



Children with Disabilities while perfoming Goan traditional dance on the occassion of International Day for Persons with Disabilities

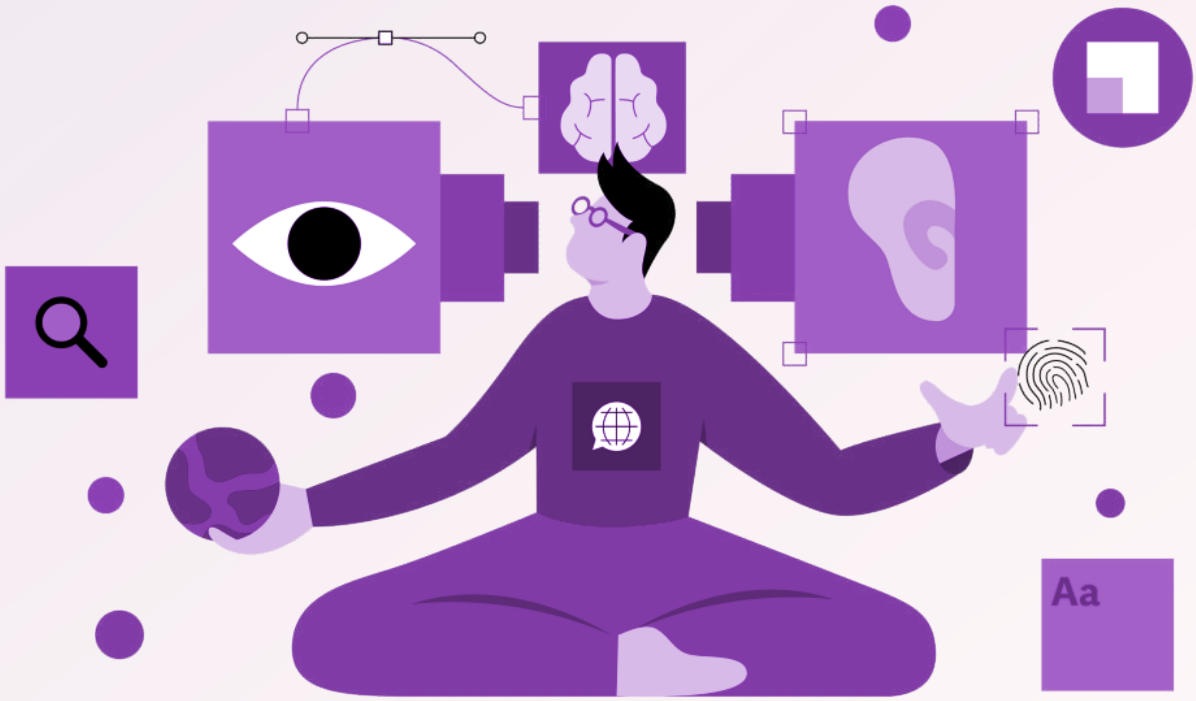
International day for Persons with Disabilities was celebrated at the Sanjay Centre for Special Education. The programme was organised by the Directorate of Social Welfare in collaboration with the Office of the State Commissioner for persons with disabilities.

Subhash Phal Dessai, Minister for Social Welfare, Sandhya Kamat, Director, Directorate of Social Welfare, Neetal Amonkar, Member Secretary, Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Prakash Kamat, Senior Journalist and State Disability Advisory Member and Avelino De Sa, President, Disability Rights Association of Goa.

Students with Disabilities across the state performed dance, presented street play, singing, etc. cultural programme. Blood donation camp was also held on the occasion.

Initiatives taken by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

Over the year, the commission has also proceeded with several initiatives in the field of employment, education, infrastructure and disability aids that have benefitted on a long term basis.



Accessible India Campaign

The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is spearheading the Accessible India Campaign with the objective of making the state barrier-free for people with disabilities.

The campaign aimed to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to public places, buildings, transport, and information and communication technologies (ICTs) in order to lead a life of dignity and independence.

The RPwD Act, 2016 mandates that all public buildings, including government offices, schools, hospitals, and public transport, must be made accessible to persons with disabilities. The Act also calls for the creation of accessible ICTs and the removal of barriers to access to information and communication for persons with disabilities.

The Accessible India Campaign has been an important initiative in advancing the goals of the RPwD Act, 2016. Under the campaign, the state government has identified several priority areas for intervention, including public buildings, beaches, transport and ICTs. Though the Accessible India Campaign was launched by the Government of India in 2016 not much was done in the state till Jan 2022.

In the last one year under the supervision of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, the Accessible India Campaign has achieved some significant successes.

At present GMC, Police HQ, Collectorate buildings, and other government buildings are equipped with ramps, accessible toilets, and tactile tiles to assist persons with disabilities. It is pertinent to note that the ESG complex which is host to the International Film Festival from 2004 is now made fully accessible under the supervision of the State Commission.

Though it is a long-term effort that requires sustained commitment, the State Commission is working closely with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, New Delhi in order to make more than 250 government buildings across the state including educational institutions accessible for persons with disabilities.

The Commission is also ensuring that all government websites are accessible for Persons with Disabilities. The funding for the same was sought through the SIPDA scheme of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Reservation of shops at Kadamba bus stands for PwDs



Kadamba bus stand

As a result of continuous follow-up with the Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited (KTCL) officials by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, a few shops at KTCL bus stands have been reserved for PwDs in accordance with the RPwD Act, 2016.

Section 37(c) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 mandates 5 percent reservation in allotment of land on concessional rate where such land is to be used for the purpose of promoting housing, business, enterprise, recreation centers and production centers.

Unemployment is one of the biggest concerns of people with disabilities today. As a result, some PwDs filed a complaint with the Commission regarding the fact that PwDs should also be able to operate shops at the local KTCL bus stands.

After taking note of the complaints of the PwDs, the State Commissioner for PwDs Guruprasad Pawaskar followed up with KTCL Chairman MLA Ulhas Tuenkar and General Manager Sanjay Ghate. His efforts finally bore fruit and KTCL bus stands now have some shops reserved for PwDs. A number of KTCL shops have been reserved for persons with disabilities in Pernem, Marcel, Honda, Asnoda, Panaji, Cuncolim, Canacona and Shiroda.

Goa Board with help of Disability Commission to convert textbooks to ePub format to foster inclusive education

Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education is in the process of converting all subject textbooks into the ePub format in association with the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

An EPUB is an electronic publication, a file format that is the current industry standard in digital publishing. EPUBs are a standardized format that can support the digitization of traditional print books and make best use of the flexibility of digital screens to resize, reflow and enhance text and media rich content.



Elevator at Campal Sports stadium made functional

The lift at the new multipurpose indoor sports stadium at Campal, Panaji, was made functional. The state commissioner for PwDs had issued a notice to the directorate of sports and youth affairs directing that the lift be made operational within 10 days.

The commissioner had pointed out that the lift being kept non-functional amounts to harassment and discrimination of disabled persons and is in violation of Section 3 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

The directions were issued following a complaint received from a person with locomotor disability who stated that he was unable to play table tennis on the upper floor of the newly constructed stadium as the non-operational lift blocked his access.

Mapusa Sub-Registrar office made its lift operational

The Mapusa Sub-Registrar office made its lift operational after receiving notice from the Office of the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

A notice was sent to the Mapusa Sub-Registrar office by the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities directing the lift to be operational within 10 days. The directions were issued after a complaint was received from a person with disability.

The lift being kept non-functional amounts to harassment and discrimination of disabled persons and is in violation of Section 3 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act. It will be a huge relief for persons with disabilities and senior citizens who frequently visit this office for different reasons.



Mapusa Sub-Registrar office

SCPwDs provides in house facility to Shobhana Korgaonkar, woman with disability

Shobhana Korgaokar, a woman with disability from Camurlim, who endured excruciating suffering due to the lack of basic amenities, is provided with in-house toilet facility by Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

A few months ago the plight of Shobhana Korgaokar, whose both legs have been amputated was highlighted in the media. After which the commissioner took immediate action and provided her a wheelchair so she could move around the house easily. Besides, he had promised all the assistance the commission could offer.

Every person has the right to a dignified life, and a disability cannot be an excuse for denying someone this right. Through the assistance of Avelino De Sa, President of Disability Rights Association of Goa, Senior Journalist Prakash Kamat, and Rotary Club of Porvorim, Shobhana Korgaonkar has now been provided with an in-house toilet facility.

Shobhana Korgaonkar said, “Both my legs were amputated four years ago. Since then, my mother has helped me with my daily tasks. But since my mother passed away, I have had to deal with many difficulties. The state commissioner for PwDs acted right away after the media drew attention to my issue. I thank everyone for all the help”.



Smt. Shobhana Korgaonkar



State Commissioner for Person with Disabilities Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar with Smt. Shobhana Korgaonkar at her residence.

State Commission for PwDs provides prosthetic limbs to Fulrani Kinalekar



Fulrani Kinalekar with artificial legs at the Purple Fest.

Fulrani Kinalekar, person with locomotor disability, resident of Korgaon was provided with prosthetic limbs by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities with the help of Rotary Club of Porvorim and Rotary Club of Mapusa Elite.

Kinalekar expressed her gratitude to Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. “I had to face many difficulties before being provided with artificial legs. Now I am leading an independent life with the new prosthesis”, she said.

Kinalekar participated in the fashion show organised during the Purple Fest using prosthetic limbs provided by the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and received appreciation from the audience.

India's first-of-its-kind inclusive festival that embraces and celebrates persons with disabilities.

PURPLE FEST : CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



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Disabilities do not equate to inabilities and so the Purple Fest 2023 was organized to celebrate diversity and inclusion of persons with disabilities (PwDs). The Purple Fest 2023, India's first-of-its-kind inclusive fest a distinctive 3-day event was held from 6th – 8th January'2023 at the Entertainment Society of Goa, Panaji that aimed to show how people can come together to create a welcoming and inclusive world for everyone. Purple Fest was organised by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt of Goa in association with Directorate of Social Welfare-Goa, Entertainment Society of Goa and Department of Tourism.

The event intended to encourage people to overcoming personal stereotypes as well as to establish an environment that not only educates everyone about the disabled community and their capabilities but also respect and celebrate diversity.

The festival which promoted inclusion and engagement of all people on a shared platform attracted over 5,000+ delegate registrations, including members of the disabled community and other individuals from all over the country. The event had 1000 local volunteers to assist the delegates, persons with and without disability for all three days. More than 50,000 people visited various venues and were mesmerized by the scale of the event.



Perfomance by We are one group from Delhi at the Purple Fest.

MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA



Shri. Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Blessed with infinite talent and indomitable courage, our Divyangjan face and surmount every challenge with a smile. They are a source of inspiration for all of us. The many accomplishments of our Divyangjan across diverse areas - be it in education, sports, arts, entertainment, or any professional space set an ideal for the society. Their record-breaking performances at sporting events such as the Paralympics have kept our Tricolour flying high.

The nation remains steadfast towards the empowerment of Divyangjan through Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'. Our endeavour is to create an enabling environment for Divyang to realise their full potential and fulfil their dreams and ambitions. Whether it is reforms that increase accessibility of buildings or sensitivity in designing new public infrastructure, whether it is incentives in sports or increasing their participation in government jobs, the nation has taken a number of steps that create opportunities and impact outcomes.

Further, today technology-enabled tools offer a great potential to empower Divyangjan and we are also working in this direction. The Festival will help the government learn from their experiences and finding opportunities for leveraging technology for larger benefit.

The organisation of various events at the Festival are an opportunity for Divyangjan to showcase their diverse skills before a wide audience. At the same time, it is also an occasion for the society to appreciate their unfathomable strength and endurance.

I wish "The Purple Fest' all success. May the occasion enable and empower our Divyangjan, and also further strengthen the diverse and inclusive spirit of our nation.

HISTORIC FIRST EDITION OF PURPLE FEST GOA



Fest decor at the ESG complex.

100+ Exhibitors

200+ Guest speakers

300+ On Stage performers

1000+ Volunteers

5000+ Delegates

50,000+ Visiters

Part of Purple Fest 2023

LAUNCH OF WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE E-RICKSHAWS

For the first time Goa witnessed the launch of wheelchair accessible e-rickshaws. Ezy Mov, a pioneer in wheelchair taxi service in Mumbai, launched its specially designed wheelchair accessible e-rickshaws in the state during the Purple Fest. In order to help senior citizen delegates and delegates with disabilities, six accessible E-Rickshaw were kept at the Entertainment Society of Goa during the Fest.



Wheelchair accessible e-rickshaw

UNIFIED BEACH CRICKET

The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in association with the Directorate of Social Welfare and Special Olympics Bharat had organised Unified Beach Cricket at Miramar beach as a pre-event. Unified Beach Cricket, an inclusive cricket match, was introduced in India for the first time during the Purple Fest.



Players while playing the Unified Beach Cricket

Deafblind Convention

A first-of-its-kind national level Deafblind Convention was held in the state of Goa from 4th - 6th January 2023 at St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa.

It was organized by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa in association with the Sense India and the Caritas Goa. Over 140 participants including Educators, Adults with Deafblindness and their Interpreters and Caregivers participated in the convention.

This national training was held of three different groups - Youths and Adults with Deafblindness, Parents and Caregivers and Educators. The objective of this convention was to enhance the participants' knowledge on physical, emotional, and social aspects of sex, sexuality and gender.



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, Minister of Social Welfare along with Shri. Rajesh Faldessai, MLA Cumbarjua Constituency & other dignitaries while lighting the lamp at Deafblind Convention.

Access India Convention - 2023

The 5th Access India convention on the theme 'Transformation through Consolidation' was held at Clube Tennis De Gaspar Dias Hall, Miramar, Goa from 5th January to 6th January as a pre-event of the Purple Fest.

This was organized by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in association with Access India Convention. This convention attracted over 255 delegates across the country.

The convention was inaugurated by Dr. Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa in the presence of Guest of Honour Nilesh Cabral, Minister for Power, Goa, Subhash Phal Dessai, Minister for Social Welfare, Guruprasad Pawaskar, Goa State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and Taha Haaziq, Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.



Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for PwDs, Goa while addressing the audience at the Access India Convention.

ALL INDIA STATE COMMISSIONER FOR PwDs MEET

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in association with the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) hosted a two-day sensitisation workshop on 6th and 7th January 2023 at Taj Vivanta, Panaji, Goa.

During this workshop, best practices in the field of disability with a focus on improving accessibility, implementation-related issues of various schemes and programmes for persons with disabilities, innovations and action plans in the field of accessibility, etc. was discussed with the representatives of States/UTs Government and some of the eminent NGOs and other stakeholders.

Hon'ble Union Minister, Dr. Virendra Kumar, inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp in the gracious presence of Shri. Subhash Phal Desai, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Goa, Shri. Rajesh Aggarwal, Hon'ble Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) Shri. Kishor B. Surwade, Hon'ble DDG, DEPwD, and many other dignitaries.



Hon'ble Union Minister, Dr. Virendra Kumar while addressing the State Commissioners for PwDs.

PURPLE FEST

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony of the unique Purple fest was held on 6 January 2023 at Inox Courtyard in the presence of Dr Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa and Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment who presided over the function along with Rohan Khaute, Minister for Tourism, Subhash Phal Dessai, Minister for Social Welfare, Subhash Chandra, Secretary, Social Welfare, Sandhya Kamat, Director, Directorate of Social Welfare, Rohit Monserrate, Mayor, Panaji CCP, Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for PwDs, Govt of Goa and Taha Haaziq, Secretary, State Commission for PwDs, Govt of Goa.



Dr. Pramod Sawant lighting the lamp at the Opening Ceremony in the presence of Dr. Virendra Kumar, Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, Shri. Rohan Khaute and other dignitaries.

PURPLE AMBASSADORS REPRESENTING 21 TYPE OF DISABILITIES

For the first time in the history of India 21 Purple Ambassadors representing the 21 types of disabilities listed under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 had come together to inspire generations of people with and without disability in the country.



Manju Sharma
Person with Chronic and Neurological Disability



Lalit Pargi
Person with Sickle Cell Disease



Mahadev Sawant
Person with Low Vision



Krunal Thakur
Person with Muscular Dystrophy



K. Y. Venkatesh
Person with Dwarfism



Karishma Kannan
Person with Down Syndrome



Kamal Kanta
Person with Spinal Cord Injury



Jennifer Joseph
Person with Mental Illness



Anjali Vyas
Person with Multiple Sclerosis



Zamir Dhale
Person with Multiple Disabilities

UNITED FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION



Dhanya Ravi
Person with Locomotor Disability



Santosh Vani
Person with Haemophilia



Deepashree Narendra
Person with Learning Disablity



Sunil Sahasrabudhe
Deaf Individual



Aarti Batra
Person with Thalassemia Major



Pragya Prasun Singh
Acid Attack Survivor



Rakshita Shekhar
Autistic Person



Nidhi Goyal
Person with Blindness



Jeeja Ghosh
Person with Cerebral Palsy



Umesh Salgar
Person with Parkinson's Disease



Maya Ranavare
Leprosy Cured Person

Purple Think Tank

Self Employment of PwDs

In this panel, there were discussions on various ecosystem which are available in the country for providing Entrepreneurial Development Program (EDP) training to PwDs, Marketing opportunities of Rural products, Financial support to PwDs who are interested to start the business, EDP training to Intellectual disability candidates, Role of NGOs in rural area for promoting EDP training to PWDs, journey on successful PwD entrepreneurs etc.



Priti Lobo while moderating the panel discussion on the topic of 'Careers of PwDs'.

Government role on inclusion of PwDs

The government aims to mainstream people with disabilities by various means. By reserving 4% of vacancies, Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) and government departments recruit people with disabilities into their work force. This is a major step towards mainstreaming People with disabilities. This panel focuses on sharing various initiatives taken by different PSU and government departments to 'include employees with disabilities' into their organization from recruitment to retirement.



Dr. Alim Chandani while moderating the panel discussion on the topic of 'Inclusive education for Deaf'.

Careers of PwDs

There was a representation of six disabilities in the panel- Vision impairment, Hearing Impairment, Locomotor Disability, Muscular Dystrophy, Intellectual disability. These champions have carved a niche in their respective professional domains of IT, Hospitality, Ecommerce, Entrepreneurship, through perseverance and performance. The discussion showcased the Champions' journey of grit and determination from being contenders to becoming leaders in their organization.



8 January 2023 : The panellists discussing the topic, Careers of Persons with Disabilities.

Inclusive Education for Deaf

Each of the panelists have shared their personal experiences in a mainstreamed school environment where it was a devastating experience for most of them. With the Indian Government promoting "inclusive education" would be the best model where it is more of a gimmick rather than realizing how it would harm the deaf children in the long run.

Each one of the panelists also shared their experiences as Special Educator Experts in Deaf schools in different parts of India and how they are developing a bilingual model that is effective.



A panel discussion on the topic Inclusive Education For Deaf at the Purple Think Tank.

Inclusive Education focused on Print Disabilities

The focus of the panel was on demonstrating that by using low-cost mainstream solutions, it is very easy to include the visually impaired student in the system and also helps the teacher to educate the student along with other non-disabled students.



Dr. Homiyar Mobedji leading a panel on the Topic of Inclusive Education Focused on Print Disabilities at the Purple Think Tank

Inclusive Education Focused On Neurodiversity

As learning disability is still not a commonly identified disability and many individuals are wrongly portrayed as "individuals lacking intellect", the panel focused on the various aspects of identifying and subsequently educating an individual with learning disabilities. The presenters highlighted models that can be replicated and mainstreamed across the country. The main take away from the session was that with very little addition, systems can become inclusive, and many individuals can benefit from such interventions.



Dr. Nandita De Souza leading a panel on the topic of Inclusive Education Focused on Neurodiversity.

Inclusive Education: A Possibility or An Ideal for India?

Neha Trivedi chaired a panel of administrators and experts who had contributed to making education systems accessible to all. The participants discussed at length about their experiences for making their organizations and systems accessible both at the school and college level.

The highlight was the experiences and challenges shared by Bharat Vaya in converting a school for the blind from a "Traditional centre of education to a Digital Learning Centre". He explained the various changes that were implemented to make the school for the blind a model institution, where all students were using technology to read and write at par with their non-disabled counterparts.



Smt. Neha Trivedi leading a panel on the topic Inclusive Education: A Possibility or an Ideal for India.

Sports for Persons with Disabilities

The panel demonstrated success stories and presented role models from the community who in spite of challenges had risen to the top of their sport. The panel concluded that an Inclusive Education system can only succeed if we make all aspects including sports accessible to all.



Shri. George Abraham leading a panel on the topic of Sports for Persons with Disabilities.

Purple Experience Zone

Inclusive Carnival

Akshadhaa Foundation hosted Inclusive Carnival, creating a fun, experiential pathway to understand and engage with the neuro-diverse brain which is still a gray area for science. At the same time, it displayed and explained the learning solutions tapping the sensory perception areas which are the base of our brain's learning channels.



A child and his mother playing at the Inclusive Carnival.

Antarchakshu

Antarchakshu is a simulation workshop designed to provide a sneak peek into the world of a person with disabilities. Participants experienced simulated activities for a few minutes and were made to perform a few simple tasks in a safe environment. Immersive activities were designed to mirror the experience of navigating life with disabilities.



Simulation activity organised as part of the Antarchakshu

Model Accessible Home

Model Accessible Home was a model space to showcase various adapted products and technology for daily living and ideas to make one's home accessible. It was designed as affordable and barrier-free as possible, using universal design principles. Easy transfer, accessible cabinets, anti-slip flooring, and product adaptation for everyday activities are some key features considered. The Model Accessible Home had a living room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom space, and an AAC corner.



Model Accessible Home as part of the Purple Experience Zone

Jagruti Mela

A platform that brings various stakeholders associated with PwD under a single roof to get introduced to knowledge and information on early intervention, education, social welfare schemes and benefits, rights of PwDs, health care, skilling, training, and livelihood opportunities. This awareness EnAbles PwDs and their stakeholders to make informed decisions at early stages resulting in a successful and sustainable livelihood. The platform works as a bridge between the service providers and service receivers to get connected with each other to cover all the stages of PwDs life cycle in a single roof.



Parents interacting at the Jagruti Mela which was part of the Purple Experience zone

PURPLE FEST

Purple We Care Film Festival

The Brotherhood and Saksham Trust, Delhi had organized the Purple We Care Film Festival to sensitize regular school students about the disability. A total number of 30 award winning films were screened in 12 shows in 3 days and more than 5000 audiences watched the films.



Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, Shri. Taha Haaziq, Shri. Satish Kapoor, Founder, Brotherhood along with regular school students at the cinema hall.

PURPLE FEST

Purple Fun

Fun at Miramar beach

For the first time, many people with disabilities were able to feel the waves at Miramar beach as part of an initiative by the Purple Fest. The iconic beach was made disabled friendly through the installation of a ramp, beach carpet and the use of floating wheelchairs that transported people with disabilities to the beach area.



Delegates with disabilities of the Purple Fest at Miramar beach

Cruise Ride

Cruise ride that happened once a day for all the three days of the event. The cruise was made accessible for PwDs with the assistance of ramps, interpreters and volunteers.

The scenic views of calm shores, and the surrounding mountains were audio described to persons with vision impairment as they cruised around Mandovi river. In the purple fun track, we had maximum turnout for this event, with a participation of 1000 people.



Delegates with disabilities of the Purple Fest enjoying the Cruise Ride

Bird Walk

The wetlands of Carambolim lake have a wide variety of birdlife. The Bird Walk was conducted on all three days of the fest. This session was made inclusive to persons with vision impairment by introducing different solutions like recordings of the sounds that a bird makes were played on a speaker and tactile cardboard representations of the birds passed around to assess the sizes and the shapes of the birds. Moreover, the session was made accessible for persons with hearing impairments with the help of sign language interpreters.



Persons with disabilities enjoying bird walk session at Carambolim lake.

Inclusive Car Rally

Purple Fest hosted first-ever inclusive car rally in the state of Goa, featuring visually impaired individuals as navigators and braille maps as their guides and non disabled as drivers making it a historic event. 35 cars with 35 drivers participated, along with 40 navigators who came from various parts of the country.



Dignitaries while flagging off the cars at the Inclusive Car Rally.

Accessible Movie Screening

In this section three movies Drishyam 2, Three idiots, and 83 were screened with audio description, closed captioning and Sign Language Interpretation. The hall was full and was steaming with a lot of noise and excitement before the show. The students in particular were amazed at the concept and were looking forward to more such shows in the future.



Accessible Movie Screening at the Purple Fest 2023



Sign Language Interpreter while interpreting the movie for person with hearing impairment.

PURPLE FEST

Purple Rain

An evening of celebration with live perfomances by renowned artists music concerts, dance perfomances and stand-up comedy show.



Music perfomance by Ritvik Rajan.

Dance perfomance by We Are One Group





Perfomance of Padma Shri Shankar Mahadevan along with Goan CwDs.



Music perfomance by Jyoti K



Music Concert of Udaan Music Band.



Abhay Kumar Sharma while doing Stand-up Comedy.



Tara Play.

DJ Aamish





Goan traditional Goaf dance by Goan artists with disablities.

Employment Convention

Some of the most frequent questions employers have often pondered about when approaching disability is the existing business case for hiring persons with disabilities (PwDs) and how employing PwDs positively impacts the workplace.

Employers are also keen to explore avenues to equip themselves and scale their journey of disability inclusion. Their curiosity is often accompanied by apprehension since disability inclusion involves unique nuances that may not apply to other diverse minority groups.

To address these specific questions and help prospective employers with diverse perspectives, Goa Chamber of Commerce in association with the Govt of Goa and EnAble India organized a panel discussion on Purple Think Tank: 'Building Inclusive Ecosystems for Employment of Persons with Disabilities.

The event was graced by the presence of Hon. Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant, the Hon. Minister of Social welfare Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, and the Commissioner for Office of State commission of Persons with Disabilities Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar. We were also joined by the President, Goa Chamber of Commerce and the Keynote Speaker Managing Director, ANZ. Mr. Venkataraman S V, Founders of EnAble India Shanti Raghavan and Dipesh Sutariya.

The panel discussion hosted inclusive leaders from various companies across sectors whose thought leadership and vision contributed to creating inclusive workplaces for PwDs.

The invigorating conversation by the panel focused on valuable insights and stories from employers across companies and industries on their journey, best practices, approach towards driving cultural change and building inclusive ecosystems. They shared varied perspectives on promoting better talent management, collaboration and belonging through disability inclusion.



Dr. Pramod Sawant, CM-Goa, while lighting the lamp in the presence of Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar and Shri. Taha Haaziq.

Purple Dialogue

The Purple Dialogue was an interactive and illuminating platform where disability experts, activists, Purple Ambassadors and parents were invited to share their insights on inclusion of PwDs in India.

The panelists discussed and deliberated over varied dimensions of disability, current challenges and gaps and further suggested action-based, time-frame-based practical solutions and strategies for implementation.

It was a holistic exercise involving two press conferences and seven panel discussions involving more than 60 participants. It got an overwhelming response in terms of audience which consisted of both persons with and without disabilities who participated in the open house that followed the discussions.



Panelists of the Purple Dialogue session titled 'Blood Disorder - Identifying destigmatising & Medication ?'



Smt. Kavita Murugkar while moderating the Purple Dialogue session focused on ICT accessibility

PURPLE KALEIDOSCOPE

The Purple Kaleidoscope was divided into five sections; Art Gallery, Accessible Art section, The Art Garden, Art Pavilion and Art Installation.

Art Exhibition

Curated by Elizabeth Kurian, secretary of Towards Inclusion Everywhere in Society (TIES); 18 artists from 14 to 60 years of age had displayed their artwork. Of the 18 artists, eight have, over time converted their works into products and are successful entrepreneurs. Their works included crochet, door mats, matt-embroidery, mixed media products, tablecloth, stone paintings, besides conventional paintings.



Mehandi artist with disablities while drawing mehandi.

Accessible Art Section

In the Accessible Art section, there was a set of tactile paintings curated by Access for All & some of these art work had QR codes which helped the visually impaired appreciate the art works.



Hon'ble Union Minister Dr. Viredra Kumar at the Accessible Art Section.

The Art Garden

The Art Garden with community Art activities was a great hit amongst all. Children with disabilities and other mainstream students participated in it which resulted in 3 large canvas community paintings. Over 500 students were part of this activity. This was facilitated by an artist with locomotor disability, Alpna Kale. This also included poster making, craft, and origami.



Adults while enjoying the art activity facilitated by an artist with locomotor disability, Alpna Kale.

Art Pavilion

Siddhant Shah from Access for All, conducted curated workshops for over 500 students from the special schools of Goa. Even the blank white walls of the Art Pavilion became the canvas. The Pavilion also was the AC sensory space where children with special needs could relax whenever needed.



Students posing with their artwork at the Inclusive Artwork Workshop at the Purple Fest 2023.

Art Installation

The art installation at Promenade focused on photo exhibits and a ramp created by Salil Chaturvedi, an author, poet and artist based in Goa. Chaturvedi uses a wheelchair and has been campaigning for disability issues for the past several years.



An art installation at the Purple Kaleidoscope at the Purple Fest 2023



Fredrika Menezes at art gallery.



Purple Fest delegates at the Art Exhibition

10TH MISTER AND MISS DEAF INDIA

The Purple Fest played host to the 10th annual Miss and Mister Deaf India 2023 beauty pageant, organised by The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in association with the Directorate of Social Welfare, All India Deaf Arts and Cultural Society (AIDACS), Goa Association of the Deaf and the Directorate Art and Culture had organised the 10th annual Miss and Mister Deaf India 2023 beauty pageant.

The event which was held at the Gera School (TGS) Auditorium, Old Goa, provided the deaf youth community of India with a national platform to showcase their talent and venture into the mainstream fashion industry. It also opened the doors for them to pursue any other dreams in such a field. The winners eventually participate in the Miss and Mister Deaf International, Europe, and Asia pageants. Varsha from Kerala won the title of Mrs. Deaf India 2023, Sheetal Kimmatkar from Maharashtra was the first runner up and Sadyia Sayed from Goa was the second runner-up.

Rajesh Bhanushali from Maharashtra won the title of Mr. Deaf India 2023. Harish Chouhan from Madhya Pradesh was the first runner up and Parth Narula from Delhi was the second runner-up. Vinita Shirodkar from Goa won the title of Miss Deaf India 2023. Khushboo Patel from Madhya Pradesh was the first runner up and Sujatadevi Passi from Goa was the second runner-up. The winners will eventually participate in the Miss and Mister Deaf International, Europe, and Asia pageants.



Participants of the 10th Mister and Miss Deaf India along with the organisers.

PURPLE I-RUN GOA MARATHON

The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Directorate of Social Welfare and the I-Help Foundation Goa hosted Purple I-Run Goa Marathon. This is Goa's first national marathon for 21 types of disabilities. This marathon aimed to promote inclusion in the society was held on the last day of the fest.



Participants of the Purple Fest - Purple I-Run Goa Marathon posing for a group picture



Wheelchair user participants at the Purple I-Run Goa Marathon

PURPLE FEST

ALL INDIA OPEN PARA TT CHAMPIONSHIP GOA 2023

All India Para Table Tennis Open Championship Goa 2023, Goa's first nationwide championship for Persons with Disabilities was held during the Purple Fest.

This national level championship was organized in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare, Sports Authority of Goa and Geno Pharmaceuticals. The event concluded with winners taking home 13 Gold, 13 Silver and 20 Bronze medals in different classifications.



Shri. Govind Gaude, Minister for sports along with Goan PARA TT Plyers.



A para player while playing TT at the All India Open Para TT Championship Goa 2023.

INTER STATE BLIND CRICKET MATCH

Inter-State Blind Cricket Tournament was held as part of the Purple Fest. The tournament witnessed a total of six teams participating including Goa, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Pondicherry and Telangana. The 20 overs match with the basic rules of Cricket was played by four completely blind players, three who can see up to a distance of 2mts and four with 6mts vision. The final of the same was held at the GCA ground Porvorim here on Sunday in between Goa and Telengana. Telengana won the match by 152 runs, with the highest highest team total of 312 runs scored in the Finals. Goa emerged Runners-Up in the tournament.



Blind Cricket players at the Inter-state Blind Cricket Match.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Purple Fest 2023 was attended by Delegates from different walks of life educationists, NGOs, Activists, Corporates, Government Officials from within and outside Goa. The Festival was not limited to the Delegates with Disabilities but saw a heavy footfall of people not from the disability sector. This made the whole event a colorful amalgamation of different talents and abilities. The entire effort was well praised by everyone as it not only gave a platform for differently abled to showcase their talent but a learning experience for all . The Concept and the intent of the whole Event was beautifully captured and executed and was able to drive home the need of developing team spirit, acceptance and leadership amongst all the participants and delegates present. Togetherness and Inclusion displayed in The Purple Fest helps us all to evolve them into stronger and more able human beings in future. The Feeling of Joy, Success and Acceptance on each and every face on the last day of The purple Fest said it all about the it's Grand Success !



Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare Shri. Subhash Phaldessai & State Commissioner for Person with Disabilities Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar while giving the Purple Fest memento to the hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant.

PURPLE GLIMPSES











PURPLE FEST

Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi lauds Goa Govt for organising the Purple Fest



In the first 'Mann Ki Baat' programme of 2023, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the Goa government for hosting 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity', India's first-of-its-kind inclusive festival that celebrated persons with disabilities.

The PM said, "Purple Fest was a unique effort in itself for the welfare of the Divyangjan and it gave people with disabilities a new sense of confidence. Over 50 thousand people attended the fest, demonstrating the kind of platform it has created for everyone. Initiatives such as Purple Fest would prove to be very effective in realizing the vision of an Accessible India".

Moreover, he stated that persons with disabilities look forward to visiting the famous Miramar beach now that it is one of the 'Accessible Beaches for Persons with Disabilities' in the country.

"Many efforts were seen in this fest to raise awareness about the welfare of the divyang. For making Purple Fest a success, I congratulate all the people who participated in it", he added.

MEDIA COVERAGE

THE PURPLE CONNECTION

Rakesh Mundye



On the eve of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, purple lights illuminate Atal Setu on Friday

Call for easy certification of disabilities intensifies

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Panaji: With the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Act 2016 notifying 21 disabilities, most of which were not recognised by the earlier Act, the state is working to identify all persons, especially children, with disabilities.

However, certification continues to be a major hurdle in the state, with some parents having to wait for anywhere between 15 days and nearly two to three months to complete the process.

"Children with disabilities need to be certified and their difficulties need to be sorted out so that they can seek the right help and stand on their own feet," minister for social welfare Subhash Phal Dessai, said.

Speaking at a webinar on 'Interaction on divyang welfare awareness and related schemes' organised as part of the Swayampurna 2.0 programme, Phal Dessai highlighted the importance of early detection and intervention in children with disabilities.

He said that many parents face difficulties in getting the disability of their children certified, and that schools must help identify such children. He also encouraged field workers to identify such children by going door-to-door.

Commissioner for PwD Guruprasad Pawaskar too stressed on the importance of early detection and intervention. He appealed to Swayampurna mitras to bridge the gap between parents and the medical boards so that children do not face difficulties in completing their certification. "Without certification, one cannot avail of any schemes. Once certification is done, proper intervention can be given," he said.

Phal Dessai said no government offices should create obstacles for PwDs to receive their benefits.

He further appealed to headmasters to not deny admission to slow learners and students with disabilities. Instead, he said, remedial classes must be set up to ensure that they cope.

The government is in the process of converting textbooks into audio formats to make them more accessible to students with disabilities.

'Registering for UDID cards can be done online'

Persons with disabilities facing issues in registering themselves for Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards have been asked to get in touch with the office of the state commissioner of persons with disabilities.

"There is a helpline number: 9156321900 and an e-mail address: dis-comm.goa@gov.in. There's no need to visit the office. Our website www.scpwd.goa.gov.in has the latest central government circulars and we request government officers to visit our website so that better services can be provided to persons with disabilities," commissioner for persons with disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar, said.

People facing issues uploading their documents for registration of UDID cards can get in touch with the field workers on the job, he said. TNN

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लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

पर्वरी : सुकूर पंचायत क्षेत्रातील दिव्यांगांना उपयोगी साहित्याची मदत करण्यासाठीची पंचायत मंडळाने 'दिव्यांग स्नेही' तयार केली आहे.

या योजने अंतर्गत २०२२-२३ सालाकरिता सुमारे दोन लाखांचे आर्थिक बजेट तयार करण्यात येणार असून आगामी निवडून येणारे पंचायत मंडळ त्याची अंमलबजावणी करणार, असे विधान सरपंच संदीप मांजरेकर यांनी शुक्रवारी (दि.१७) येथे पत्रकार परिषदेत सांगितले. त्याबद्दलचे पत्र गोवा राज्य दिव्यांग आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांच्याकडे सुपूर्द केले आहे. यावेळी आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, सचिव सतीश गावस, पंच डितोसा लोबो, शीतल आरोसकर, दीपाली सातर्डेकर उपस्थित होते.



गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांच्याकडे पत्र सुपूर्द करताना सुकूर सरपंच संदीप मांजरेकर आणि पंच. (छाया : शेखर वायंगणकर)

सुकूर पंचायत क्षेत्रातील जे दिव्यांग विद्यार्थी परीक्षेत कमी टक्केवारी मिळवितात ते मदतीसाठी पंचांकडे मदतीची अपेक्षा करतात. त्यांना मदत म्हणून 'दिव्यांग स्नेह' योजनेची संकल्पना पुढे आली आहे. राज्यातील अन्य पंचायतींनी ही योजना राबवावी, असे आवाहनही मांजरेकर यांनी केले. यावेळी आयुक्त पावसकर यांनी दिव्यांगांना मदत करण्याच्या सुकूर पंचायतीचे आभार मानले.

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CM: Inclusive education key for bringing PwD into mainstream

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Panaji: Chief minister Pramod Sawant on Friday, speaking on inclusive education, said that society should work towards bringing persons with disabilities into the mainstream even as he reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.

"They should come into the mainstream. If we segregate them, then they will never be able to do so. We have to change our mindset towards them. We have to provide them with facilities and get them into the mainstream," Sawant at a three-day workshop on inclusive education at the Sanjay Center for Special Education, Porvorim.



TOWARDS INCLUSIVITY

Giving the example of a child he knows, Sawant said that though blind he secured distinction at his graduation.

"As per the new education policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the motto is 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', which means everyone should get education."

"The commission has received complaints regarding denial of admission to disabled students based on their disabilities. In some instances, schools have not been able to offer inclusive education because of limited resources. As a result, awareness and sensitisation workshops like this are necessary," state commissioner for persons with disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar said.

Pawaskar said that the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, defines inclusive education as a system of education wherein students with and without disabilities learn together.

स्तुत्य ! सुकूर ठरली दिव्यांगस्नेही पंचायत

ग्रामसभेत ठराव : दिव्यांगांना कृत्रिम साधने, उपकरणे देण्याचा ऐतिहासिक निर्णय

पणजी, ता. १७ (प्रतिनिधी) : वाळपई तालुक्यातील सुकूर पंचायतीने दिव्यांग व्यक्तींसाठी कृत्रिम साधने आणि उपकरणे खरेदीसाठी "दिव्यांगस्नेही" योजना सुरू केली असून शुक्रवारी राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांनी सुकूरचे सरपंच संदीप मांजरेकर यांनी हा विषय गांधियमि घेवरा आणि अंमलात आणण्याचे राज्यस्तर.

आयुक्त म्हणाले, दिव्यांगत्वाचे परिणाम कमी करून आर्थिक क्षमता वाढवणारी आवश्यक साधने आणि उपकरणे मिळविण्यात दिव्यांगांना मदत करणे हे या योजनेचे मुख्य उद्दिष्ट आहे.

दिव्यांग व्यक्ती हक्क अधिनियम २०१६, द्वारे परिभाषित केल्यानुसार, कोणत्याही २१ प्रकारचे किमान ४०% दिव्यांग असलेली व्यक्ती या योजनेसाठी पात्र असेल. राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर तत्कालच या योजनेसाठी उचित मार्गदर्शक तत्त्वे निश्चित करतील.



पर्वरी : दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांना 'दिव्यांगस्नेही' योजने संबंधित पत्र सादर करताना सुकूरचे सरपंच संदीप मांजरेकर, सचिव राजेश गावस आणि पंच सदस्य दीपाली सातार्डेकर, शीतल आरोलकर आणि डिटोसा लोबो.

> पंचायती राज संस्था या गावातील समाजातील सर्व घटकांच्या गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी असतात. आम्हाला आनंद होत आहे की सुकूर पंचायतीने दिव्यांग व्यक्तींच्या गरजा पूर्ण करणारी योजना सुरू केली आहे". राज्यातील इतर पंचायतींनीही अशी योजना दिव्यांगांसाठी राबवून बदलाचा भाग व्हावा.
> -गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त

राष्ट्रीय पॅरा चॅम्पियनशिप खेळाडूंचा सत्कार



पणजी, दि. ४ :

मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांची उपस्थिती

राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्तालयाकडे बुधवारी आयोजित समारंभात सत्काराच्या खुलताचे मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी राष्ट्रीय पॅरा चॅम्पियनशिपमध्ये भाग घेतलेल्या गोव्याच्या पॅरा खेळाडूंचा सत्कार केला.

नॅशनल पॅरा टेबल टेनिस स्पर्धेत रौप्यपदक विजयाचे लॅमेड फर्नांडिस तसेच इतर सहभागी चेतन साळगावकर, गोपाल नाईक, लिंडन फर्नांडिस, अनुजा शिलणावर, रुकी राजाराम, मौइसेस रॉड्रिग्स आणि पॅट्रिक डिसोझा यांचा सत्कार करण्यात आला.

याशिवाय पॅरा ॲथलेटिक्स राष्ट्रीय ॲथलेटपद धिरेती साही काळे आणि राष्ट्रीय पॅरा बॅडमिंटन स्पर्धेत भाग घेतलेल्या गोपाल कुंकळ्ळकर यांचाही सत्कार करण्यात आला.

सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी राष्ट्रीय स्तरावर राज्याचा गौरव वाढविणाऱ्या पॅरा खेळाडूंचे अभिनंदन केले. ते म्हणाले अनेक अडथळ्यांना सामना करूनही, खेळाडूंनी अभिमानास्पद कामगिरी बजावली आहे, ते इतरांसाठी खरे प्रेरणा आहेत.

फळदेसाई म्हणाले, राज्यातील दिव्यांगजनांचे अनेक समस्या आहेत. ज्यांची दखल घेणे आवश्यक आहे. गवतात अजूनही असे दिव्यांग आहेत, ज्यांची नावे नोंदलेली नाहीत. त्या व्यक्तींचा शोध घेण्यासाठी राज्याच्या समाज कल्याण विभागाने पुढाकार घेतला आहे. २०१६ च्या दिव्यांग हक्क कायद्यानुसार, दिव्यांगांसाठी सरकारी नोकऱ्यांमध्ये ४% आरक्षण आवश्यक आहे. हे धोरण राज्यात लागू करण्याचा प्रयत्न करणार असल्याचे आश्वासन त्यांनी यावेळी दिले.

केटीसीएलचे अध्यक्ष आणि नार्वेलीचे आमदार उल्हास तुयेकर, राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, समाज कल्याण सचिव अरुण बिश्रा, दिव्यांगजनांच्या सक्षमीकरणासाठी विशेष सेलचे उपसंचालक/प्रभारी ताहा हाजिक, केटीसीएलचे व्यवस्थापकीय संचालक संजय घाटे, ट्रेसचे अध्यक्ष अवेलिनो डिसा, गोवा पॅरालिम्पिक असोसिएशनचे उपाध्यक्ष ठाकूर या कार्यक्रमाला उपस्थित होते.

केटीसीएलचे अध्यक्ष आणि नार्वेलीचे आमदार उल्हास तुयेकर म्हणाले, बहुतेक दिव्यांग लोक दररोज वाहने चालवे प्रयास करतात. त्यांना प्रवासादरम्यान अनेक अडचणींना तोंड द्यावे लागते. त्यामुळे कदंब कर्मचाऱ्यांसाठी राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग आणि समाज कल्याण विभाग यांनी मिळून घेतलेले विशेष सत्र दिव्यांग व्यक्तींना येणाऱ्या आव्हानांना तोंड देण्यासाठी फायदेशीर ठरतील.

राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांनी क्रीडा संबंधित दिव्यांग लीगसाठी घोषणा, २०१६ च्या दिव्यांगजन हक्क कायद्याने अनिवार्य केलेल्या आरक्षणाची अंमलबजावणी आणि मासिक सहाय्य वेतनेवर चिंतित करणे यावर भर दिला. दरम्यान, सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोगाच्या कार्यालयाच्या वेबसाइटचे लोकार्पण केले.

दिव्यांगांना क्रीडा क्षेत्रात साधनसुविधा द्या

दिव्यांगजन आयुक्तांकडून क्रीडामंत्री गोविंद गावडे यांना निवेदन



क्रीडामंत्री गोविंद गावडे यांना निवेदन सादर करताना दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, सोबत इतर.

पणजी : दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांनी सोमवारी क्रीडामंत्री गोविंद गावडे यांची भेट घेऊन विविध व्यक्तींच्या राज्य संघजनकडून क्रीडा क्षेत्रात योग्य साधनसुविधा आणि प्रशिक्षण द्यावे, या मागणीचा निवेदन सादर केले.

यावेळी राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोगाचे सचिव राजा हाजिक, सोशल ॲक्टिविस्टचे सचालक विन्सेंट वाझ, गोवा पॅरालिम्पिक संघटनेचे सुदेश ठाकूर, गोवा ॲथलेटिक्स ॲसोसिएशन ऑफ द डेफचे प्रसाद लोलयेकर आणि अन्य जोशी, विशेष व्यक्ती हक्क संघटनेचे दिनेश नागवेकर आणि तुकाराम नायकर, पॅरा क्रिकेट दृष्टिहीन संघाचे कार्यकर उपस्थित होते.

विशेष व्यक्ती हक्क अधिनियम २०१६चा कलम २० नुसार विविध क्रीडा स्पर्धेत विशेष व्यक्तींची भाग घ्यावा यासाठी क्रीडा प्राधिकरणाने विशेष व्यक्तींना प्रोत्साहन आणि बक्षिसे देणे आवश्यक आहे, असे पावसकर यांनी निवेदनात म्हणत केले आहे. विशेष व्यक्तींना क्रीडा खात्याकडून असलेल्या विविध योजनांचा लाभ आणि विविध क्रीडा स्पर्धेत सहभाग घेता यावी यासाठी क्रीडा प्राधिकरणाने प्रयत्न करणे यांचीही त्यांनी मागणी केली आहे.

आयुक्तांनी निवेदनात केलेल्या सूचना

- तालुकास्तरावर पॅरा स्पर्धेत्या आयोजन करणे.
- पॅरा स्पर्धेत आणि सोशल ॲक्टिविटिजमध्ये प्रशिक्षित प्रशिक्षक देणे.
- शाळेत आणि शहरी पातळ प्रशिक्षणीय क्रीडांगणे आणि क्रीडा संकुलांचा विकास.
- विशाल मोठ्ठिया आणि क्रीडा पथकाचे सुविधा विशेष व्यक्तींसाठी उपलब्ध करून देणे.
- पॅरा नॅशनल/पॅरा इंटरनॅशनल/सोशल ॲक्टिविटिजमध्ये सहभागी होण्यासाठी आणि इतर कोणत्याही क्रीडा स्पर्धेसाठी विशेष व्यक्तींना विमान प्रवासाची सुविधा देणे.
- विशेष व्यक्तींसाठी मोफत मैदान/स्टेडियम सुविधा देणे.
- विशेष व्यक्तींसाठी गोवा क्रीडा केंद्र स्थापन करणे.
- राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रीडा स्पर्धेतील विजेत्यांना तेथेच बक्षिसे देणे.
- प्रवृत्त खेळाडूना आर्थिक साहाय्य देणे.
- नोडल्यूक्त पॅरा स्पोर्ट्स असोसिएशन, सोशल ॲक्टिविटिज आणि विशेष व्यक्तींना क्रीडा क्षेत्रात प्रोत्साहन देणारा इतर संस्थांना सहकार्यकडून अनुदान देणे.
- उपरोक्त सुचनांच्या निरक्षकालीक पुनरावलोकनासाठी समिती स्थापन करणे.

2,859 Divyangas register for UDID cards, more to follow suit

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PANAJI

The State Social Welfare department has undertaken the project of 'government at your doorstep' from March this year, and the field workers appointed under this department visit homes on a daily basis to help the persons with disabilities register their names for UDID card.

To make the process of registration for UDID cards easy, the Social Welfare department has appointed field workers and field assistants whose efforts were fruitful and 2,859 Divyangas in the State could register their names for the UDID cards, so far.

Now the department has decided to utilise the services of panchayats and to initiate a special campaign on district level, to reach out to the Divyangas. Under this campaign, two to three camps will be organised on a daily basis in each of the talukas or municipality level.

According to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD Act) Act, 2016, and Divyang Policy, it is compulsory for the persons falling in 21 categories of disabilities to have UDID card. The census 2011 figures point out that there are 33012 persons with disabilities in Goa, and only 4436 persons from these have received the UDID card so far. Many of the persons with disabilities do not possess this card, due to lack of information regarding the card, o lack of knowledge of informa tion technology.

Considering these draw backs and hurdles, the Stat Social Welfare department ha implemented 'governance a your doorstep' concept and th State Commissioner for Person with Disabilities has to take re view of this work.

60 Divyangas register for match-making, meet on Zoom every two months

PANAJI: Hoping to end their search for a life-partner and trying to prove the proverb 'marriages are made in heaven' 60 Divyangas from Goa and other parts of the country, meet on Zoom every two months. The welcome initiative, started 10 months ago by Disabilities Rights Association of Goa (DRAG), has presently 60 Divyangas who have registered their names for marriage.

"Out of these 60 % are male and remaining 10 % females," informed Avelino De Sa, president of DRAG, adding, "We have both abled (normal persons) as well as disabled members in this team which has persons from even States like Punjab and Haryana."

The team met online recently and 25 of the members from across India attended the Zoom meeting. The initiative of match-making started in August 2021 with offline, physical meetings held on every fourth Saturday of the month.

दिव्यांगांना सरकारी नोकऱ्यांत आरक्षण

धोरण अंमलबजावणीसाठी प्रयत्न करण्याचे सुभाष फळदेसाई यांचे आश्वासन

पणजी, ता. ४ : दिव्यांगांना सरकारी नोकऱ्यांमध्ये चार टक्के आरक्षणाचे धोरण राज्यात लागू करण्याचा प्रयत्न केला जाईल, असे आश्वासन समाजकल्याण खात्याचे मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी बुधवारी दिले. ते राज्यातील पॅरा क्रीडापटूंच्या सत्कार सोहळ्यात बोलत होते.

सुभाष फळदेसाई म्हणाले, की "राज्यातील दिव्यांगजनांच्या अनेक समस्या आहेत, त्यांची दखल घेणे गरजेचे आहे. ग्रामीण भागातील दिव्यांगांची अजून नाकेबंदी झालेली नाही, त्यांना शोध घेण्यासाठी राज्याच्या समाज कल्याण विभागाने पुढाकार घेतला आहे. २०१६च्या दिव्यांग हक्क कायद्यानुसार, दिव्यांगांसाठी नोकऱ्यांत चार टक्के आरक्षण आहे. हे धोरण राज्यात लागू करण्यासाठी प्रयत्न केले जातील." फळदेसाई यांच्या हस्ते राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग कार्यालयाच्या सकिलमठातील लोकार्पण करण्यात आले.



गोव्याच्या राष्ट्रीय पातळीवरील यशस्वी पॅरा क्रीडापटूंसमवेत मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, आमदार उल्हास तुयेकर व मान्यवर.

राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्तालयातर्फे पॅरा क्रीडापटूंचा सत्कार सोहळा आयोजित करण्यात आला होता. राष्ट्रीय पॅरा टेबल टेनिस स्पर्धेत रौप्यपदक विजेता लॉईड फर्नांडिस, इतर सहभागी खेळाडू चेतन साळगावकर, गोपाळ नाईक, लिंडन कार्दोझ, अनुप चिखलकर, रुकी रावताव, मोहेश रॉड्रिग्ज, पॉट्रिक डिसोझा, तसेच पॅरा ॲथलेटिक्स स्पर्धेतील राष्ट्रीय पदकविजेती साथी काळे, पॉरा ॲथलेटिक्स स्पर्धेत सहभागी झालेला गोपाळ कुंकळ्ळकर या खेळाडूंना गौरविण्यात आले.

मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी राष्ट्रीय पातळीवर गोव्याचा गौरव वाढविणाऱ्या पॅरा खेळाडूंचे अभिनंदन केले. ते म्हणाले, "अनेक अडचणींचा सामना करूनही या खेळाडूंनी अभिमानास्पद कामगिरी बजावली आहे, जी इतरांसाठी प्रेरणादायी आहे."

सत्कार सोहळ्यास कर्दब चाहतूक महामंडळाचे अध्यक्ष आमदार उल्हास तुयेकर, राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, समाज कल्याण सचिव अरुण मिश्रा, दिव्यांगजन सशक्तीकरण विशेष विभागाचे उपसंचालक ताहा हडिक, कर्दब वाहतूक महामंडळाचे संचालक संजय पाटे, 'द्रॅग'चे अध्यक्ष आनंदिनी डिसा, गोवा पॅराटिक्स असोसिएशनचे अध्यक्ष सुदेश ठाकूर व अन्य मान्यवर उपस्थित होते.

45 govt buildings to become accessible to PwDs in a year

Subhash Phal Desai says there is need to create an inclusive society

Staff Reporter
Panaji

Minister for Social Welfare Subhash Phal Desai has said that the government has taken up the work to make 45 government buildings easily accessible for Divyangs, which will be completed in a year's time.

The directorate of Planning, Statistics and Evaluation hosted a webinar on 'Aids to Divyangs and Senior Citizens' under the Swayampurna Goa 2.0 programme on Saturday.

The Minister interacted with the Swayampurna Mitras and other concerned officials under Swayampurna 2.0 on Divyang welfare and related schemes in virtual mode.

Besides Phal Dessai, director of the Directorate of Planning, Statistics and Evaluation Vijay B. Saxena; State Commissioner for Persons with Disability (PwD) Guruprasad Pawaskar; director of department of Social Welfare Siddhivinayak Naik; state coordinator for Swayampurna Mitra Isha Sawant, Swayampurna Mitras, taluka-level nodal officers, persons with disability and others attended the virtual programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Phal Desai said that over 19,000 Divyang people have been registered with the social welfare department in the state.

"The government is committed to provide all required support and facilities to the Divyang people in the state. Our Swayampurna Mitras have identified many Divyangs in the state. The government has been working on providing medical treatment and other facilities including good education to make them self-reliant," he said.

While addressing the attendees, Phal Desai said that the government aims to make the specially-abled people socially, economically and educationally empowered.

"We need to change our attitude towards the PwDs. The time demands an inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the persons with the PwDs so that they can lead productive, safe and dignified lives," said Phal Desai.

"Goa is a very small state we have to see what we can do to help this section of society and that is why we are holding these kinds of activities in every institute The department of Social welfare has also taken the initiative to identify the unregistered PwDs," said the Minister.

Director of social welfare Siddhivinayak Naik, State Commissioner for persons with disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar and state coordinator of Swayampurna 2.0 programme Isha Sawant briefed about various schemes and facilities that are provided by the government to persons with disabilities.

'द पर्पल फेस्ट' सर्वसमावेशक महोत्सव

मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई ६ ते ८ जानेवारीला राज्यात पहिल्यादाच आयोजन

टीम दैनिक हेराल्ड

पर्वरी, दि. २८: गोवा राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग, समाज कल्याण संचालनालय आणि गोवा मनोरंजन संस्था यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने ६ ते ८ जानेवारी २०२३ या कालावधीत पणजी येथे 'द पर्पल फेस्ट' आयोजित करण्यात आले असून या प्रकारचा सर्वसमावेशक महोत्सव पहिल्यांदाच राज्यात होणार असल्याची माहिती समाज कल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी दिली. पर्वरी येथे आयोजित पत्रकार परिषदेत ते बोलत होते.

यावेळी सुभाषचंद्र, आयएएस, सचिव, समाज कल्याण संचालनालयाचे संचालक, समाज कल्याण संचालनालयाचे गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त ताहा हडिक, सचिव, राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग उपस्थित होते.



पर्वरी : द पर्पल फेस्टची माहिती देताना मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई. सोबत संध्या कामत, गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर व इतर.

'द पर्पल फेस्ट' हा तीन दिवसांचा संगीतमय कार्यक्रम असून यात सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम, भव्य प्रदर्शन, क्रीडासंबंधित कार्यक्रम, एक्सपीरियंस झोन आणि इनोव्हेशन मेला यांचा समावेश आहे.

याशिवाय विविध स्पर्धा, मेगा कार रॅली आणि सर्वसमावेशक शिक्षण, रोजगार, पर्यटन यासारख्या महत्वाच्या विषयांवर चर्चासत्र देखील असणार आहे, अशी माहिती फळदेसाई यांनी दिली.

या महोत्सवाद्वारे दिव्यांगत्व हा अडथळा नसून याऊलट दिव्यांगत्वाकडे पाहण्याचा लोकांचा दृष्टीकोन हा सर्वांत मोठा अडथळा आहे, हा संदेश लोकांपर्यंत पोहोचवण्याचा आमचा उद्देश आहे, असे त्यांनी सांगितले.

फळदेसाई पुढे म्हणाले, दिव्यांग लोकांसाठी सर्वांत मोठा अडथळा हा आहे की समाज त्यांना कसा अक्षम करतो.

पर्पल का ?

अलीकडच्या काळात पर्पल रंग दिव्यांगजनांच्या चळवळीचा प्रतीक बनला आहे. दिव्यांगजनांचे कार्यबल आणि समाजात त्यांनी दिलेला योगदान, सर्वांना पळावा, वासाठी ही चळवळ जागतिक पातळीवर सुरू झाली आहे. त्यामुळे या महोत्सवाचे नाव 'द पर्पल फेस्ट' म्हणून ठेवण्यात आले आहे.

दिव्यांग लोक दररोज अनेक आव्हानांना सामोरे जातात. सर्वसमावेशक समाज बनवण्यासाठी आपल्याला आपला दृष्टिकोन बदलण्याची आवश्यकता आहे. त्यासाठी सर्वात आधी दिव्यांगत्वाकडे समाजाने निर्माण केलेले मनोवृत्ती, सामाजिक, सिस्टमिक, कम्युनिकेशन आणि तांत्रिक अडथळे म्हणून पाहिले पाहिजे, असेही फळदेसाई म्हणाले.

Socorro p'yat to help disabled buy appliances, aids

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Panaji: The Socorro panchayat has launched 'Divyangsnehi', a scheme aimed at helping the disabled purchase necessary appliances and aids.

After a suggestion by Guruprasad Pawaskar, the state commissioner for persons with disabilities, sarpanch Sandeep Manjrekar took up the issue and devised the scheme. In its budget estimate for 2022-23, the panchayat had included financial support for disabled people amounting to Rs 2 lakh to buy artificial aids and appliances under the 'Divyangsnehi' scheme. This was approved at the gram sabha meeting on February 27.

"The aim is to assist needy and disabled people obtain necessary aids and appliances that can reduce the effects of their disability and enhance their economic potential," Pawaskar said.



HELPING HAND

Persons with a benchmark disability (at least 40% disability of any kind as defined by the RPWD Act 2016) will be eligible for the benefits of this scheme.

The state commissioner for persons with disabilities will soon set forth the rest of the guidelines for availing of this scheme.

विशेष व्यक्तींना क्रीडा क्षेत्रात प्रोत्साहन मिळावे



पर्वरी, दि. २३ (प्रतिनिधी) :

दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांनी लोकयारी क्रीडा मंत्री गोविंद गावडे यांची भेट घेऊन विशेष व्यक्तींनाही खऱ्या सरकारकडून क्रीडा केंद्रात योग्य साधनसुविधा आणि प्रोत्साहन मिळावा, या मागणीसह निवेदन सादर केला.

यावेळी राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोगाचे सचिव ताहा हाजिक, स्पेशल ऑलिम्पियाचे संचालक डिरेक्टर ताझ, गोवा पॅरालिम्पिक

दिव्यांगजन आयुक्तांकडून मंत्री गोविंद गावडे यांना निवेदन

संघटनेचे सुदेश ठाकूर, गोवा असोसिएशन ऑफ द ब्लिंड प्रसाद जोशी आणि अनंत जोशी, विशेष व्यक्ती हक्क संघटनेचे विशांत नाणर्यकर आणि तुकाराम गावकर, गोवा डिसेबल्ड इंडीहीन संघाचे वर्णकार उपस्थित होते.

विशेष व्यक्ती हक्क अधिनियम २०१७ च्या कलम ३० नुसार विविध क्रीडा स्पर्धेत विशेष व्यक्तींनी भाग घ्यावा, यासाठी क्रीडा प्राधिकरणाने विशेष व्यक्तींना प्रोत्साहन आणि मान्यता देणे आवश्यक आहे, असे पावसकर यांनी निवेदनात नमूद केले आहे.

विशेष व्यक्तींना क्रीडा खात्यांतर्गत असलेल्या विविध योजनांचा लाभ आणि विविध क्रीडा स्पर्धेत सहभाग घेता यावे यासाठी क्रीडा प्राधिकरणाने प्रयत्न केले पाहिजे, असे पावसकर यांनी सांगितले.

PUSH IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



On the eve of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, volunteers from the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa, assist the elderly and disabled attending Mass with wheelchairs on Friday

State to celebrate inclusivity this January with Purple Fest

Times News Network

TOGETHER FOR ALL

All India Para Table Tennis Open Championship Goa 2023	Inter-state Blind Cricket Tournament
Date	Jan 1-7, 2023	Date	Jan 4-7, 2023
Venue	Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, SAG, Campal	Venue	Goa Cricket Association ground, Porvorim
Registration deadline	Dec 15	Miss and Mister Deaf India 2023	
(For registration and more information: https://scpwd.goa.gov.in/)		Date	Jan 6-8, 2023
		Venue	Panaji
		(For registration and more information: https://scpwd.goa.gov.in/)	



Purple fest will announce more events in the coming days

Panaji: Purple Fest, a first of its kind inclusive festival that celebrates persons with disability (PwD), has seen more than 5,000 delegates from across the country register for the event.

Scheduled between January 6 and 8, minister for social justice Subhash Phaldesai said the state is readying infrastructure to make facilities accessible for PwDs and added that hopefully Panaji could then be recognised as the first accessible city in the country.

He added that the mega festival could be an annual feature on Goa's calendar.

State commission for persons with disabilities, Guruprasad Pawaskar said the festival is the biggest the country has seen with several types of sporting and other events for persons with and without disabilities.

"The three events organised in the state — All India Para Table Tennis Open Championship Goa 2023, Interstate Blind Cricket Tournament, Miss and Mister Deaf India 2023 — will be the first-ever national level championships for PwDs hosted by the government of Goa," Phaldesai said.

He added that a conference of CEOs of multinationals and other entrepreneurs to find out what kind of workforce is expected from PwDs in order to economically empower them.

At the fest, besides sporting activities, there will be cultural performances and PwDs will share success stories. Pawaskar said singer and composer Shankar Mahadevan, who runs a music academy for children with autism in Mumbai and with whom the Goa government is looking at signing a MoU, will be putting up a performance of students from all special schools in Goa.

"There are stand up comedians, world renowned DJs, dancers, all with disabilities, who will be participating in the festival," he said, adding that there will be brand ambassadors representing each of the 21 disabilities identified in the new rights of persons with disabilities act.

Atal Setu lit up in purple to celebrate Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities

Panaji: The state government lit up Atal Setu in hues of purple to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3. The day aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society.

Purple has been increasingly associated with disability, symbolising a new positive narrative about the contribution of persons with disabilities in the workforce and the wider community, said state commissioner for persons with disabilities, Guruprasad Pawaskar.

"The office of the state commission for persons with disabilities in association with the directorate of social welfare and Entertainment Society of Goa, has organised 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' between January 6 to 8, 2023," he said.

Atal Setu turns purple on Day of Persons with Disabilities



Atal Setu lit up in purple colour to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Staff Reporter
Panaji

Atal Setu has been lit up in purple to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. December 3 is observed annually as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The day aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society.

The colour purple has been increasingly associated with disability, symbolising a new positive narrative about the contribution of persons with disabilities in the workforce and the wider community, said Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for persons with disabilities.

Adding he said, "Thus, the Office of the State Commission for persons with disabilities in association with the directorate of Social Welfare and Entertainment Society of Goa has organised Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity between January, 2023."

He said, "The Purple Fest is India's first-of-its-kind inclusive festival that celebrates persons with disabilities. It is India's purple movement which aims to showcase how we can come together to create a welcoming and inclusive world for everyone."

लोकमत

आजपासून राज्यात 'आत्मनिर्भर भारत-स्वयंपूर्ण गोवा' वेबिनार



माहिती देताना संचालक विजय सरवणेकर आणि गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर. (छाया : शेखर पायंगणकर)

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

पर्वरी : 'आत्मनिर्भर भारत' हे पंतप्रधानांचे ध्येय आहे. जेणेकरून देश स्वयंपूर्ण होऊ शकेल दोन वर्षांपूर्वी ३० मे २०२० ही संकल्पना देशभरात राबविली गेली. या संकल्पनेची प्रेरणा घेऊन दि. १ ऑक्टोबर २०२० रोजी मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. प्रमोद सावंत यांनी राज्यात 'आत्मनिर्भर भारत-स्वयंपूर्ण गोवा' संकल्पना राबवली. ही संकल्पना देशभरात लोकप्रिय होत चालली आहे.

याअंतर्गत राज्यातील सर्व सरकारी खात्यांमध्ये स्वयंपूर्ण मित्र, तालुका नोडल अधिकारी, आपले कार्य करीत आहेत. सरकारने आता दिव्यांग आणि ज्येष्ठ नागरिकांसाठी स्वयंपूर्ण गोवा कार्यक्रमांतर्गत योजना आखल्या आहेत. राज्यात सुमारे २३००० दिव्यांग व्यक्ती आहेत, त्यांना खिलपेक्षर, खर्णयंत्र, ॲडजस्टेबल एल्बो सहित्य सारी यासारखी साधने सरकारने २७७५ दिव्यांगांना पुरतिली असून, त्यासाठी ९.७३ कोटी रुपये खर्च करण्यात आला आहे. सांख्यिकी आणि मूल्यांकन नियोजन खात्याचे संचालक विजय सरवणेकर यांनी शुक्रवारी (दि. ८) आयोजित केलेल्या पत्रकार परिषदेत ही माहिती दिली.

त्यांच्यासमवेत गोवा राज्य दिव्यांग आयुक्तालयाचे आयुक्त आणि संजय स्कूलचे अध्यक्ष गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर उपस्थित होते. स्वयंपूर्ण गोवा १.० कार्यक्रमांतर्गत ७४८ यूडीआयडी कार्डचे वितरण करण्यात आले असून या कार्डाद्वारे विविध प्रकारच्या सेवा सवलती मिळविता येतील. देशात या कार्डचा सर्वत्र वापर करण्यात येईल स्वयंपूर्ण गोवा २.० कार्यक्रम वेबिनार माध्यमातून आज दि. ९ जुलैपासून सुरू करण्यात येणार आहे, असे त्यांनी पुढे सांगितले. दिव्यांग व्यक्तींच्या घरी जाऊन त्यांना सर्व योजनांची माहिती देता योजनांचा लाभ मिळवून देण्याचा प्रयत्न करणार आहे. वेबिनारमधून जनजागृती करणार, असेही सांगितले.

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Goa Board plans to convert textbooks into digital format

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Panaji: The Goa Board Of Secondary And Higher Secondary Education is in the process of converting all subject textbooks into the ePub format in association with the state commissioner for persons with disabilities, chairman of the Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Bhagirath Shetye said on Thursday.

He was speaking at the workshop on inclusive education organised by the office of the state commissioner for persons with disabilities in collaboration with the state council of educational research and training at the Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Porvorim.

Guruprasad Pawaskar, the state commissioner for persons with disabilities, urged the Goa Board to make available the textbooks in accessible format within six months.



E-LEARNING

Subhash Phaldesai, minister for social welfare, said education is the right of every student with disabilities, and appealed to all educational institutes to take extra steps to understand the obstacles facing these students and to strive to create an inclusive learning environment for them.

In addition, he said that this was the first workshop of its kind conducted on this scale, which included 1,400 educational institutes, from elementary to university level, aided to unaided.

The ePUB platform is an electronic publication, a file format that is the current industry standard in digital publishing. EPUBs are a standardised format that can support the digitisation of traditional print books and make the best use of the flexibility of digital screens to resize, reflow and enhance text and media rich content.

Taha Haziq, secretary, office of the state commissioner for persons with disabilities, Homiyar Mobedji, disability expert, Programme Management Asia and Africa for Benetech California, USA, and Gargi Sinha, the officiating principal at Dnyanvardhini Divyang Training College, Vasco, were also present.

THE PURPLE FEST: Goa to host first of its kind inclusive festival

3-day event from January 6 to 8, 2023, especially for persons with disabilities

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Goa State Commission for Persons with Disabilities in association with the Directorate of Social Welfare and the Entertainment Society of Goa will host first of its kind inclusive festival named 'The Purple Fest' at Panjim from January 6 to 8, 2023.



Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, Social Welfare Minister Subhash Phal Dessai said that 'The Purple Fest' will be a three-day inclusive event which aims to illustrate how people can unite to support and make everyone in our society feel included.

The event will feature live performances, grand exhibitions, sporting events, immersive experience zones, and an innovation mela. It will also include exciting competitions, accessible movie screenings, a mega car rally, and discussions on vital subjects like inclusive education, employment, tourism, and independent living.

Phal Dessai said, "The biggest barrier for people with disabilities is how society disables them. Persons with Disabilities (PwD) deal daily with challenges such as discrimination, stigma and stereotypes. To become an all-inclusive and accessible society we need to change the way we view disability and collaborate with the disabled community to break down barriers."

Phal Dessai further said, "We should see disability as the attitudinal, physical, systemic, communication, and technological barriers created by society. We do not deny the impact of an individual's impairment, but as a society it is our responsibility to accommodate people living with disability, rather than expecting the individual to accommodate for society."

"Thus this fest is a fantastic opportunity to illustrate that disabilities are not barriers. Rather, it is people's attitude towards disability that acts as a barrier," he added.

Secretary (Social Welfare) Subhash Chandra, IAS, Director of Social Welfare Sandhya Kamat, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar and Taha Haaziq, Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities were present for the briefing.

7 Employment guidance camps for people with disabilities on Oct 20 & 21

PANJIM: The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, in association with the National Career Service Centre for Differently Abled, Mumbai, and Disability Rights Association of Goa, is organising an Evaluation and Rehabilitation Guidance Camp for employment of persons with disabilities (PwD).

The camp for PwDs residing in the North Goa district will be held on Thursday, October 20, at the Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Porvorim. The camp for PwDs residing in the South Goa district will be held on Friday, October 21, at the Gujarati Samaj Educational Trust for the Handicapped, Margao.

The State Commissioner for People with Disabilities, Guruprasad Pawaskar, noted that pre-pandemic job markets already had significant barriers for people with disabilities, which have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

"During the camp, evaluation of persons with disabilities will be done to assess their physical efficiencies, measure their psychological strength, aptitude and areas of interest, to unfold their potential,"

KTCL staff sensitised on challenges faced by visually, hearing impaired

Staff Reporter
Panaji

A special session was held at the Sanjay School, Porvorim for the staff of Kadamba Transport Corporation Ltd (KTCL) wherein visually impaired and hearing impaired sensitised the KTCL staff about the challenges they face while travelling by bus.

The session was organised by the office of the Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities with the help of Social Welfare Department as a part of the ongoing 'Awareness and Sensitisation Programme' focused on the rights of persons with disabilities for the staff of KTCL.

After having meetings with Persons with Disabilities it was felt necessary by State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar to educate 1,200 conductors and drivers of the KTCL.

Such sessions are being conducted in batches by Anuradha Joshi, the former State Disability Commissioner and staff from the office of the Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities.

The obstacles faced by passengers with disabilities were explained by Tukaram Gaonkar of Quepem, a person with visual impairment, members of the Goa Association for Deaf and a sign language interpreter.

They also demonstrated how to deal with such situations when people with disabilities experience difficulties.

३० सरकारी इमारती दिव्यांगांसाठी प्रवेशयोग्य बनणार

दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त : पहिल्या टप्प्याच्या कामासाठी आढावा बैठक

पणजी, ता.२५ (प्रतिनिधी): विशेष व्यक्तींच्या सुलभतेसाठी सुगम्य भारत मोहिमेअंतर्गत पहिल्या टप्प्यात ३० सरकारी इमारती पूर्णपणे प्रवेशयोग्य बनवण्याचे काम राज्य सरकारने हाती घेतल्याची माहिती राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांनी दिली.

पहिल्या टप्प्याच्या कामासाठी सार्वांद्वाने विविध कार्यालयी अमृत यासंदर्भात चर्चेवारी आढावा बैठक घेण्यात आली. समाज कल्याण संचालनालयाचे सचिव अरुणकुमार मिश्रा यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली ही बैठक झाली.

यावेळी समाज कल्याण संचालनालयाचे संचालक सिद्धिविनायक नाईक, समाज कल्याण संचालनालयाचे सहाय्यक संचालक संतान फर्नांडिस, राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोगाचे सचिव ताहा हाजिक आणि विशेष व्यक्ती राज्य सल्लागार मंडळाचे सदस्य प्रकाश कामत उपस्थित होते.

पावसकर म्हणाले, समाजकल्याण खात्याने दुसऱ्या टप्प्यात पुढील ४५ सरकारी इमारती आणि कळंगुट, कोलवा आणि बागा यांसारखे काही समुद्रकिनारे दिव्यांगांसाठी प्रवेशयोग्य बनवण्याचा निर्णय घेतला आहे.



सरकारी इमारती प्रवेशयोग्य बनवण्याच्या कामासंबंधित आढावा बैठकीत दिव्यांगजन आयुक्तांसमवेत डॉगचे पदाधिकारी.

या इमारतींचा समावेश

जिल्हा व सत्र न्यायालय, पणजी पोलीस स्थानक (पीएचक्यू), नगर आरोग्य केंद्र, समाज कल्याण, पणजी ट्रफिक सेल, पंचायत संचालनालय, रोजगार विनिमय विभाग, कला-संस्कृती, परिवहन, पर्यटन तसेच उद्योग संचालनालय, कदंब बस स्थानक, गोवा एससी,एसटी, ओबीसी महामंडळ, जिल्हा नोंदणी कार्यालय,उच्च शिक्षण तसेच शिक्षण संचालनालय, विज्ञान केंद्र, तंत्रनिकेतन कॉलेज, मनपा, गोवा विद्यापीठ, जीएमसी आणि जीटीडीसी यांचा समावेश आहे.

दिव्यांगांच्या सक्षमीकरणासाठी प्रयत्नरत

गोवा सरकारचे 'कॅब'कडून कौतुक

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नवी दिल्ली : केंद्रीयमंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्रकुमार यांच्याशी चर्चा करताना मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई व गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर.

पणजी, दि. २५: दिल्ली येथे झालेल्या केंद्रीय दिव्यांगजन सल्लागार मंडळाच्या (कॅब) पावण्या बैठकीत विशेष गरजा असलेल्या मुलांना आणि दिव्यांग व्यक्तींना सर्वाधिक मासिक सहाय्य देणाऱ्या राज्य सरकारांपैकी एक असल्याबद्दल गोवा राज्य सरकारचे कौतुक करण्यात आले.

दिव्यांग व्यक्ती हक्क अधिनियम, २०१६ नुसार सहा महिन्यांतून एकदा कॅब सदस्यांचे बैठक होणे आवश्यक असून केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय आणि सक्षमीकरण मंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली नवी दिल्लीतील विज्ञान भवन येथे आलीकडेच ही बैठक झाली.

या बैठकीला समाजकल्याण मंत्री सुगाष फळदेसाई आणि राज्याचे दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, केंद्रीय राज्यमंत्री प्रतिमा भौमिक आणि इतर राज्य व केंद्रशासित प्रदेशातील मंत्री आणि अधिकारीही उपस्थित होते.

केंद्रीय सल्लागार मंडळाने दिव्यांगत्व क्षेत्रातील विविध महत्त्वाच्या मुद्द्यांवर जसे की दिव्यांग व्यक्ती हक्क अधिनियम, २०१६ च्या अंमलबजावणीची स्थिती, सुगम्य भारत मोहीम, दिव्यांग ओळखपत्र, डीडीआरएस, डीडीआरसी आणि बौद्धिक विकासासाठी राष्ट्रीय कृती योजनेच्या अंमलबजावणीशी संबंधित गोष्टींवर चर्चा केली. बोर्डाने सर्व राज्य व केंद्रशासित प्रदेशांना त्यांच्या प्रदेशांमधील सार्वजनिक इमारती ज्या अद्याप प्रवेशयोग्य बनलेल्या नाहीत अशा इमारती कमीत -कमी वेळेत प्रवेशयोग्य करण्यासाठी कृती आराखडा तयार करण्याचा सल्ला दिला. तसेच शिक्षण, आरोग्य, पुनर्वसन आणि इतर गोष्टींना प्राधान्य देण्याचेही बोर्डाने यावेळी सुचवले.

Social welfare dept helps disabled register for UDID

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Panaji: The social welfare department has begun an 'administration at your doorstep' initiative to help persons with disabilities (PwD) enroll for the Unique Disability ID card (UDID).

The department has appointed field workers and field assistants to assist PwD with the registration.

The state has enrolled 2,859 PwD for UDID cards over the past three months after the field workers began their work, state commissioner for persons with disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar said.

According to the 2011 census, there are 33,012 PwD in the state but so far only 4,436 have received UDID cards.

Lack of information regarding the UDID card and a lack of understanding of the internet and new technology have been hampering registrations. Under the administration at your doorstep project, the social welfare department's field workers have been going door-to-door since March to assist PwD to enroll for the UDID.

Besides collecting information, the field workers are required to upload that information to a special web portal launched for UDID cards by the central government.

The field workers also provide information on various state government schemes for PwD during their visit.

The department has also decided to run a special campaign to target PwD in the state at the panchayat and municipality levels. During the campaign, two to three camps will be held every day in each panchayat/municipality.

According To the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, all 21 types of PwD are required to have a UDID card to avail of benefits under various central and state government schemes.

LENDING SUPPORT

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पणजीत ६ जानेवारीपासून 'द पर्पल फेस्त'

- महोत्सवात देशभरातील दिव्यांगांचा सहभाग

प्रतिनिधी। गोवन वार्ता



पत्रकार परिषदेत उपस्थित असलेले समाज कल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, गुरूप्रसाद पावसकर, ताहा हाजिक, संध्या कामत.

पणजी : गोवा समाज कल्याण खाते तसेच राज्य दिव्यांग आयोगातर्फे ६ ते ८ जानेवारी २०२३ रोजी पणजीतील मनोरंजन संस्थेमध्ये 'द पर्पल फेस्त' आयोजित करण्यात येणार आहे. या महोत्सवात देशभरातील दिव्यांग सहभागी होणार आहेत. यात विविध प्रकारचे मनोरंजन तसेच अन्य कार्यक्रम असणार आहेत, अशी माहिती समाज कल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी पत्रकार परिषदेत दिली.

यावेळी राज्य दिव्यांग आयोगाचे आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, आयोगाचे सचिव ताहा हाजिक, खात्याच्या संचालिका संध्या कामत उपस्थित होत्या.

गोव्यात अशाप्रकारचा कार्यक्रम प्रथमच होत आहे. दिव्यांगाना योग्य तो न्याय मिळावा, त्यांना समाजातील इतर लोकांप्रमाणे जगता यावे, आनंद व्यक्त करता यावा या हेतूने हा कार्यक्रम असणार आहे. यात मनोरंजन, क्रीडा तसेच विविध चर्चासत्रे असणार आहेत. तसेच दिव्यांगासाठी पणजीत विविध सरकारी इमारतीमध्ये प्रवेश करता यावा यासाठी सोय केली जाणार आहे. महोत्सवात येणाऱ्या प्रतिनिधींची राहणे, खाण्यापिण्याची सोय करण्यात येणार आहे. कार्यक्रमासाठी एकूण ३ कोटी खर्च अपेक्षित आहे, असेही फळदेसाई यांनी सांगितले.

कार्यक्रमाला मुख्यमंत्र्यांकडून हिरवा कंदील मिळाला आहे तसेच केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय मंत्रालयाकडून परवानगी मिळाली आहे. गोवा सरकारच्या समाज कल्याण खात्याकडे दिव्यांगासाठी विविध योजना आहेत. त्यांना वेळेवर त्या दिल्या जात आहेत. राज्यात एकूण १९ हजार अपंग आहेत. यातील ६ हजार ८०० जणांना समाज कल्याण खात्याकडून कार्ड देण्यात आले आहे. त्यांच्यापर्यंत सर्व सोयीसुविधा, योजना पोहचविण्याचे राज्य दिव्यांग आयोग तसेच समाज कल्याण खाते काम करत आहे. दिव्यांगाप्रमाणे इतर लोकांना या महोत्सवात सहभाग घेता येणार आहे, असे मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी सांगितले.

लोकमत

दिव्यांगस्नेही समाजासाठी दृष्टिकोन बदलण्याची गरज

पार्सेकर : उच्च न्यायालयातर्फे दिव्यांग अधिकार कायदा जागृती

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

पणजी : राज्यात दिव्यांगस्नेही सार्वजनिक ठिकाणे, सरकारी कार्यालये किंवा दिव्यांगस्नेही समाज घडविण्यासाठी दिव्यांगांबाबतचे दृष्टिकोन बदलणे अत्यावश्यक आहे, असे प्रतिपादन राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांनी केले.

राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने गोवा राज्य विधी सेवा प्राधिकरण कार्यालयाने राज्यातील मुंबई उच्च न्यायालयाच्या कार्यक्षेत्रासाठी दिव्यांग अधिकार कायदा, २०१६, या विषयावर नुकत्याच आयोजित केलेल्या जनजागृती कार्यक्रमात ते बोलत होते.

यावेळी गोवा राज्याचे महाधिवक्ता ॲड. देविदास पांगम, जी.जी. भनसाळी, रजिस्ट्रार (ज्युडीशियल) मुंबई उच्च न्यायालय गोवा आणि अनुराधा जोशी, गोवा राज्य आयुक्त उपस्थित होते.

दिव्यांग व्यक्तींसाठी सुलभ वातावरण सुनिश्चित करण्यासाठी त्यांच्याकडे पाहण्याचा दृष्टिकोन बदलला पाहिजे. समाजात दिव्यांग व्यक्तींच्या हक्कांबाबत जागरूकता नसल्यामुळे दिव्यांगांना अनेक अडचणींना सामोरे जावे लागते. मग तो बस प्रवास असो वा वेबसीरीज लावणे किंवा सरकारी कार्यालयातील कामे हे सर्व ठिकाण प्रवेशयोग्य असणे आवश्यक आहे आणि हा दिव्यांगांचा अधिकार आहे, असे पावसकर यांनी सांगितले.

दिव्यांग व्यक्तींनाही सन्मानाने जगता यावे आणि समान संधी त्यांनाही मिळावी यासाठी दिव्यांग अधिकार कायदा, २०१६ अंतर्गत अनेक तरतुदी करण्यात आल्या आहेत, अशी माहितीही गोवा राज्याचे महाधिवक्ता ॲड. देविदास पांगम यांनी दिली.

दरम्यान, यावेळी राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त अनुराधा जोशी यांनी दिव्यांग अधिकार कायदा, २०१६ आणि त्यात समाविष्ट असलेल्या २१ प्रकारच्या दिव्यांगांचे सविस्तर विश्लेषण केले.



जनजागृती कार्यक्रमात उपस्थित जी.जी. भनसाळी, अनुराधा जोशी, गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर आणि ॲड. देविदास पांगम.

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उत्तर गोवा आणि दक्षिण गोवा संघासोबत सदानंद शेट तानावडे, केदार नाईक, गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर आणि ताहा हाजिक.

दृष्टिबाधितांच्या क्रिकेटमध्ये उत्तर गोवा विजयी

गांधी, शास्त्री जयंतीनिमित्त दिव्यांगजन आयोगातर्फे आयोजन

प्रतिनिधी। गोवन वार्ता

पणजी : महात्मा गांधी आणि लाल बहादूर शास्त्री यांच्या जयंतीनिमित्त राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग आयोजित जिल्हास्तरीय दृष्टिबाधित क्रिकेट स्पर्धेत उत्तर गोवा संघ विजयी ठरला आहे. स्पर्धेचे उद्घाटन ईडीसी अध्यक्ष सदानंद शेट तानावडे आणि साळगावचे आमदार केदार नाईक यांच्या हस्ते करण्यात आले. बक्षीस वितरण समाजकल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांच्या हस्ते झाले.

उत्तर गोवा संघाच्या कर्णधाराने नाणेफेक जिंकून प्रथम गोलंदाजी करण्याचा निर्णय घेतला. संघाने तीन विकेट्सनी बाजी मारली. यावेळी राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, सचिव ताहा हाजिक तसेच सुकूर साल्वादोर द मुंद आणि पेन्हा दि फ्रांस पंचायतचे सरपंच आणि पंच सदस्य उपस्थित होते.

राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोगाने स्पर्धेचे आयोजन केल्याबद्दल खेळाडूंनी आभार व्यक्त केले. सामन्याविषयी बोलताना खेळाडू म्हणाले, गेल्या अनेक दिवसांपासून या प्रकारच्या सामन्याची आम्ही वाट पाहत होतो. खूप दिवसांनंतर आम्हाला खेळण्याची संधी मिळाल्याने आम्हा सर्वांना खूप आनंद झाला आहे.



पर्वरी : कार्यक्रमात उपस्थित डॉ. गार्गी सिन्हा, शंभू घाडी, शैलेश झिंगडे, डॉ. नंदिता डिसोझा व ताहा हाजिक.

दिव्यांगजन आयोगातर्फे सर्वसमावेशक शिक्षणावर कार्यशाळा

टीम दैनिक हेराल्ड

पर्वरी, दि. २४ : दिव्यांग मुलांना मुख्य प्रवाहात आणण्यासाठी, त्यांचा आत्मविश्वास वाढवण्यासाठी, विविध कौशल्ये शिकून आत्मनिर्भर होण्यासाठी संसाधन कक्ष (रिसोर्स रूम) अत्यावश्यक असल्याचे प्रतिपादन शिक्षण संचालक शैलेश झिंगडे यांनी केले.

राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग आणि गोवा समग्र शिक्षा यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने 'क्लस्टर रिसोर्स पर्सन'साठी आयोजित जनजागृती आणि प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमाच्या उद्घाटन सत्रात ते बोलत होते. यावेळी डॉ. शंभू घाडी, राज्य प्रकल्प संचालक, गोवा समग्र शिक्षा, ताहा हाजिक, सचिव, राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग, डॉ. नंदिता डिसोझा, बालरोगतज्ज्ञ आणि संचालक – सेतू केंद्र आणि ज्ञानवर्धिनी दिव्यांग महाविद्यालयच्या डॉ. गार्गी सिन्हा उपस्थित होत्या. डॉ. नंदिता डिसोझा आणि डॉ. गार्गी सिन्हा यांनी आयोजित केलेल्या प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमात १०० हून अधिक सीआरपी उपस्थित होते.

6 Goa State Disability Commission hold autism awareness drive

PANJIM: Goa State Disability Commission in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare, the Disability Rights Association and students from Dnyan Vardhini Divyang Training College on Wednesday held an autism awareness drive at various Kadamba bus-stands to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder. State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar addressed the gathering at Panjim Bus Stand emphasising the importance of general public awareness of Divyangjan rights and treating them with empathy and care. The drive was undertaken to raise awareness among disable people. It turned out to be a great success in raising autism awareness among citizens as disable people from various locations across Goa reached out to the staff to discuss their grievances. Students from Dnyan Vardhini Divyang Training College performed a street play at various bus stands. Deputy Director of Social Welfare Taha Haziq, DRAG President Avelino De Sa and DRAG member Liby Mendonsa were also present.

पर्पल फेस्टसाठी फळदेसाईंनी घेतली राज्यपालांची भेट



पणजी : राज्यपाल पी.एस. श्रीधरन पिल्लई यांच्यासोबत मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई आणि गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर.

पणजी, ता. २६ : राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग, समाज कल्याण संचालनालय आणि गोवा मनोरंजन संस्था यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने आयोजित 'पर्पल फेस्ट' या महोत्सवाविषयी माहिती देण्यासाठी समाज कल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी राज्यपाल पी. एस. श्रीधरन पिल्लई यांची भेट घेतली.

यावेळी राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर आणि सचिव ताहा हाजिक उपस्थित होते. गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर आणि ताहा हाजिक यांनी 'पर्पल फेस्ट' या महोत्सवात नियोजित विविध उपक्रमांविषयी माहिती दिली.

'पर्पल फेस्ट'सारखे सर्वसमावेशक महोत्सव आयोजित करण्यासाठी मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई आणि राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग यांनी पुढाकार घेतल्याबद्दल राज्यपाल पिल्लई यांनी फळदेसाई आणि आयुक्तांचे कौतुक केले.

यासारखे सर्वसमावेशक महोत्सव काळाची गरज असून यानिमित्त देशभरातील दिव्यांगांनाही निसर्गरम्य गोव्याची अनुभूती घ्यायला मिळेल, असे पिल्लई म्हणाले. याशिवाय या महोत्सवासाठी आवश्यक मदत करण्याचे आश्वासनही त्यांनी दिले.

दिव्यांगांबाबत संवेदनशीलता निर्माण करण्याची गरज

सुभाष फळदेसाई : संजय स्कूलच्या विशेष विद्यार्थ्यांना सहायक उपकरणे प्रदान

पणजी : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा

समाजातील सर्व व्यक्तींमध्ये दिव्यांगांबाबत संवेदनशीलता निर्माण करण्याची गरज आहे, असे मत समाजकल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांनी व्यक्त केले. खोलवली फर्मागोवा येथील संजय स्कूलच्या विशेष विद्यार्थ्यांना सहायक उपकरणे देण्यात आली. यावेळी प्रमुख पाहुणे म्हणून ते बोलत होते. कार्यक्रमाला दिव्यांग आयोगाचे अध्यक्ष गुरु पावसकर, रोटरी क्लब म्हापसाचे प्रिंटेल कोटकर, यशद क्लबच्या प्रेरणा पावसकर आणि संजय स्कूलच्या निवेद आमोणकर उपस्थित होत्या.

फळदेसाई यांनी सांगितले की, दिव्यांग व्यक्तींबाबत भेदभाव होऊ नये, त्यांच्याप्रति अन्याय होऊ नये, त्यांचे अधिकार त्यांना मिळण्यासाठी समाजातील सर्वच लोकांनी संवेदनशील निर्माण केली पाहिजे, दिव्यांगांप्रति आपली जबाबदारी काय आहे, हे सर्वांनीच समजून घेतले पाहिजे. समाजात जागरूकता सर्वांना सक्षम बनविण्याचे वातावरण तयार होणे आवश्यक आहे.

दिव्यांग असल्यामुळे शाळेत प्रवेश नाकारता कामा नये. त्यांच्याबाबत भेदभाव केला जाऊ नये यासाठी खात्यातर्फे सर्वकष राज्यातील सर्व मुलांच्या पालकांमध्ये जागृती करण्यासाठी कार्यशाळा घेण्यात येणार आहे. तसेच कुणाकडी अन्याय झाला असेल तर त्यांनी पुढे येऊन खात्याकडे तक्रार करावी. आम्ही त्या शाळा व्यवस्थापनावर योग्य ती कारवाई करू, असे आश्वासन फळदेसाई यांनी दिले. आयुक्त गुरु पावसकर यांनी आयोगातर्फे राबविण्यात येणाऱ्या विविध योजनांची माहिती दिली. त्यांनी सांगितले की, आयोगाकडे दिव्यांगांमुळे प्रवेश नाकारल्या आलेल्या दोन तक्रारी आल्या होत्या. यावेळी त्या मुलांना प्रवेश देण्याबाबत आदेश देण्यात आले. यापुढे कोणी दिव्यांग मुलांना प्रवेश नाकारला जाणार नाही, याबाबतची जागृती करणे गरजेचे आहे.

दिव्यांगत्व लपवू नका

फळदेसाई यांनी सांगितले की, काही पालक आपल्या मुलाचे दिव्यांगत्व लपवून ठेवतात. मात्र, असे केल्याने त्या मुलाच्या भविष्यावर गंभीर परिणाम होऊ शकतो. लहान वयात काम सुरू केल्यास दिव्यांगत्वात सुधारणा होण्याची शक्यता असते. तेव्हा पालकांनी ते लपवून न ठेवता खुलेपणाने समोर यावे.



पर्वरी : दिव्यांग विद्यार्थिनीला सहायक उपकरण देतांना मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई. बाजूला अन्य मान्यवर.

Guidance workshop for parents of differently abled children held at Sanjay School

PANAJI: State Commission for Persons with Disabilities in association with Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Provorim organised a workshop for the guidance of parents of differently abled children on Saturday in Sanjay School's Manohar Parrikar Memorial hall. For the workshop, State Commissioner for persons with disabilities, Guruprasad Pawaskar, Sanjay School Member Secretary Neetal Amonkar, Secretary State Commissioner for persons with disability Taha Ghazi and Sanjay School Headmaster Tatu Kudalkar were present. In the workshop, physiotherapist Dr Dwarkanath Kamat, Dr Lorraine Fernandez, Dr Supriya Khandeparkar, occupational therapist Dr Siddhika Raul and speech therapist Dr Dipti Jog explained to the parents importance of exercises and home programme.



A speaker at the guidance workshop.

लोकमत

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हिमोफिलिया सोसायटी, दिव्यांग राज्य आयोगाचे आयोजन

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

पणजी : हिमोफिलिया सोसायटी पणजी यांच्यातर्फे दिव्यांग राज्य आयोग यांच्या सहाय्याने पर्वरी येथील विशेष मुलांसाठी कार्यरत असलेल्या संजय विद्यालयात सामग्री वितरण, फिजिओथेरपी आणि सेल्फ इन्व्युजन शिबिराचे आयोजन केले होते.

यावेळी गोवा राज्य सल्लागार मंडळाचे सदस्य प्रकाश कामत, गोवा वैद्यकीय महाविद्यालयाचे चिकित्सक डॉ. पराग अडसुळे व गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर व इतर पदाधिकारी उपस्थित होते. कामत यांनी दिव्यांग मुलांसाठी असलेले अधिकार, नोकरीतील आरक्षण याबाबत माहिती दिली. तसेच सोशल मीडियाच्या साहाय्याने कसा आताज उठविता येतो, आपल्या हक्कासाठी कोणत्या गोष्टी केल्या पाहीजे, कुणाशी संपर्क साधावा, याबाबतची संपूर्ण माहिती दिली.



संजय विद्यालयात शिबिरादरम्यान उपस्थित प्रकाश कामत, डॉ. पराग अडसुळे, गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर व इतर.

डॉ. पराग अडसुळे यांनी उपस्थितांना काही व्यायामाचे प्रात्यक्षिक दाखवून रुग्णांना मार्गदर्शन केले.

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Promote persons with disabilities in sports, include them in schemes, minister urged

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Panaji: The state commissioner for persons with disabilities (PwDs), Guruprasad Pawaskar on Monday presented a detailed proposal to sports minister Govind Gaude seeking due recognition to the rights of persons with disabilities to participate in sports as outlined in Section 30 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2017.

"Sports authorities should ensure that persons with disabilities are adequately included in their schemes and programmes for the promotion and development of talent in sport," Pawaskar said.

Based on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2017, the commissioner strongly suggested the promotion of para sports at the grassroot level with coaches trained in para sports and Special Olympics, development of accessible playgrounds and sports complexes in rural and urban areas.



The state commissioner for persons with disabilities suggested promotion of para sports at the grassroots level with trained coaches

He also stressed on making existing stadiums and sports infrastructure accessible to persons with disabilities and to provide air travel for participation in para national/international and Special Olympics for any other sports events for persons with disabilities.

Suggestions were also made for a ground/stadium facility to be provided free of cost for persons with disabilities, the establishment of a Goa sports centre for persons with disability, cash rewards to medal winners who participate in national and international sports events for persons with disabilities, financial assistance to outstanding players, and grant in aid to registered para sports associations, Special Olympics and other organisations catering to sports for persons with disabilities.

A committee needs to be formed for periodic review of the suggestions, Pawaskar stated.

Taha Haaziq, secretary for the office of state commissioner for PwDs, Victor Vaz, director, Goa division of Special Olympics, Sudesh Thakur of Goa Paralympic Association, Prasad Joshi and Anant Joshi of Goa Association of the Deaf, Vishant Nagvekar of Disability Rights Association of Goa and Tukaram Gaonkar, captain-Goa Cricket team for visually impaired were also present for the meeting.

Schools told to admit two kids with disabilities

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Panaji: The office of the state commissioner for persons with disabilities (PwD) has received two complaints from parents of students with disabilities being denied admission. In one case, after the commissioner issued the school a notice, the school agreed to give admission to the student.

In the second case, the commissioner directed the school to consider the parent's request and "to give admission with full dignity to the student with immediate effect". The order was passed after both parties presented their arguments.

The commissioner directed that children with disabilities must be able to study in any mainstream, special or any school of their choice and the schools must focus on making the environment more conducive for addressing their special needs.

A parent of the 12 year old who has autism spectrum disorder filed a complaint with the commission regarding denial of admission. The boy passed Class VII, scoring 96% marks and was promoted to Class VIII. The officiating principal where admission was sought informed the parent that the seats are full for Class VIII. The parent said that the school is situated within 5kms of his residence which was convenient.

The commissioner stated that the act of denying admission to a child with the disorder violates section 16(1) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2017. This act states, "admit them without discrimination and provide education and opportunities for sports and recreation activities equally with others".

Section 31(1) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 states that every child with a benchmark disability between the age of six to 18 years shall have the right to free education in a neighbourhood school or in a special school of their choice.



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"The above act of school also violates section 4 of the women and child with disabilities, of the 2017 act, that the appropriate government and local authorities shall ensure that all children with disabilities shall have the right on an equal basis to freely express their views on all matters affecting them and provide them appropriate support," the commissioner stated, adding, "Moreover this act of denying admission to student with disability violates the provision of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, vis-a-vis the Right to Education Act, 2009."

The commission stated that school authorities shall at all times not discriminate and /or give admission on grounds of sympathy to any student with disability in the school.

"Moreover reasonable accommodation should be given with full dignity and empathy to any student with disabilities," the commission stated. Non-compliance of the order will attract section 89 of the 2016 act, the commissioner stated and have asked for a compliance report by June 20.

रोटरी क्लब पणजी रिव्हिएरातर्फे शिक्षक, कर्मचाऱ्यांचा सन्मान



पणजी : विशेष शिक्षकांसोबत राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर आणि इतर मान्यवर.

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रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पणजी रिव्हिएरातर्फे विविध शाळांचा विशेष शिक्षकांचा सन्मान करून शिक्षक दिन साजरा करण्यात आला. या कार्यक्रमात प्रथमच विविध शाळांच्या साहाय्यक कर्मचाऱ्यांचाही गौरव करण्यात आला.

यावेळी प्रमुख पाहुणे या नात्याने राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर उपस्थित होते. पावसकर यांनी रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पणजी रिव्हिएराने विविध शाळांमधील विशेष शिक्षक व साहाय्यक कर्मचाऱ्यांचा सत्कार केल्याबद्दल अभिनंदन केले. रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पणजी रिव्हिएराचे सदस्य समाजासाठी अनुकरणीय कार्य करीत आहेत. रोटरी क्लबने दिव्यांग व्यक्तींना स्वतंत्रपणे जगता येईल, असा कार्यक्रम विकसित करावा, अशी सूचना पावसकर यांनी केली.

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पणजी रिव्हिएराचे अध्यक्ष रघु शेट्ये यांनी स्वागत केले तर संपूर्ण कार्यक्रमाचे संयोजन राजेश साळगावकर यांनी केले होते.

दिव्यांगांच्या शाळेत जाऊन त्यांना जाणून घ्या

मुख्यमंत्री : पर्वरीतील संजय स्कूलमध्ये तीन दिवसांची कार्यशाळा

पर्वरी, ता. १ (वार्ताहर) : दिव्यांगांसाठी असलेल्या शाळांना भेट देऊन मुलांशी, पालकांशी व शिक्षकांशी बोला, त्यांच्या समस्या जाणून घ्या, या मुलांना विशेष दृष्टिकोनातून न बघता समान दृष्टिकोनातून बघा, असे आवाहन मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. प्रमोद सावंत यांनी केले.

पर्वरी येथील संजय स्कूलमध्ये तीन दिवसांच्या स्टेट कमिशनर फॉर पर्सन विथ डिसाबिलिटी व स्टेट काउन्सिलिंग ऑफ एज्युकेशन अँण्ड ट्रेनिंग यांनी संयुक्तपणे आयोजित केलेल्या 'प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक व उच्च शिक्षण जागरूकता व संवेदनशीलता' कार्यशाळेत आज मुख्यमंत्री सावंत यांनी दिव्यांगांसाठी असणाऱ्या शाळांत जाऊन त्यांना जाणून घेण्याचा संदेश दिला. या कार्यक्रमात मुख्यमंत्र्यांसह कमिशनर ऑफ डिसाबिलिटी पर्सनचे चेअरमन गुरू पावसकर, मागो आमदार सिद्धार्थ कुंकळकर, संस्थेच्या सचिव नेतल आयोणकर, एलविनो डिसा, ताहा हाझीक, डॉ. होस्नियारा आदी मान्यवर उपस्थित होते.



पर्वरी : संजय स्कूलमध्ये तीन दिवसांच्या प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक व उच्च शिक्षण जागरूकता व संवेदशीलता कार्यशाळेत बोलताना मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. प्रमोद सावंत. सोबत संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष गुरू पावसकर व मान्यवर. (दिनेश केळुसकर)

> "मी सुरुवातीपासून जवळपास ५० टक्के शाळांना भेट दिली असून, केंशव डिझेबिलीटी स्कूलचा सदस्य आहे. सरकारतर्फे त्यांना सर्व सुविधा उपलब्ध करून दिल्या जात आहेत. अशा शाळांना जरूर भेट द्या व मुलांशी संवाद साधा.
> - डॉ. प्रमोद सावंत, मुख्यमंत्री

पावसकर यांनी शाळेच्या कामकाज व प्रगतीविषयी माहिती दिली. मुलांच्या उच्च शिक्षणासाठी बी एडची सुरुवात केली असून, तिसरी बॅच तयार झाली आहे. सध्यांना शाळेत नोकऱ्या मिळाल्या आहेत. प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक व उच्च असा जवळपास १,४०० शैक्षणिक संस्था सदस्यांनी या तीन दिवसांच्या कार्यशाळेचा लाभ घेतला आहे. येत्या दोन ते तीन वर्षांत कशी पद्धत असावी, याची आम्हयाकडे एक योजना तयार होणार आहे, असे ते म्हणाले.

Soon, state's primary schools to also have resource rooms for spl children

Goa Revising Its Inclusive Edu Policy

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Panaji: The state government is revising its policy on inclusive education to allow primary schools to open resource rooms to admit children with special needs living in the institute's neighbourhood, said Goa state commissioner for persons with disabilities, Guruprasad Pawaskar. The policy is being altered to meet one of the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, as per which all schools are required to have resource rooms.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- Resource rooms **currently exist in around 40-odd schools** in Goa
- The concept of resource rooms in regular schools was **introduced in Goa in 2003**
- Prior to 2003, **only special schools** were available in Goa
- Special schools mean, in most cases, **the children have no opportunity to interact with their typical peers** beyond their immediate family



Resource rooms serve two functions

- Help **build social skills and confidence** of special children by facilitating their interaction with regular children
- Allow for **sensitising other children** to those with special needs

Having a resource room in the village primary school will mean that special children need not travel long distances only to be able to attend classes. Resource rooms encourage inclusion and discourage segregation of special children from their typical peers. Studying in resource rooms in regular schools is known to show better overall development in the children with special needs.

"The state's inclusive education policy is being tweaked to include resource rooms at the primary school level. We are working on research projects and have begun training teachers. We have also started training cluster resource persons under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and we have held four workshops so far," Pawaskar said. At present, only around 40 high schools in the state have the provision of resource rooms.

The resource room allows children with special needs to study alongside their 'typical peers'. It is a separate room in a regular school where children with disabilities or learning difficulties receive extra individualised attention for some of the periods. For other periods, the special children attend classes alongside their typical peers.

"Now, special children will also be able to attend class in the village school. Teachers need to also be sensitive on this subject. Two early intervention centres have also been started by the state, one in each district, to diagnose any disabilities in children. Diagnosis before the age of six is very important to carry out interventions," said chief minister Pramod Sawant.

Goa already has a scheme for special children in place since 2005, which was later revised in 2008 and 2018. The scheme provides financial assistance to regular schools — mostly high schools at present — to set up resource rooms and practice inclusive education.

लोकमत

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यावेळी गोवा राज्य सल्लागार मंडळाचे सदस्य प्रकाश कामत, गोवा वैद्यकीय महाविद्यालयाचे चिकित्सक डॉ. पराग अडसुळे व गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर व इतर पदाधिकारी उपस्थित होते. कामत यांनी दिव्यांग मुलांसाठी असलेले अधिकार, नोकरीतील आरक्षण याबाबत माहिती दिली. तसेच सोशल मीडियाच्या साहाय्याने कसा आवाज उठविता येतो, आपल्या हव्यासाठी छोट्या गोष्टी केल्या पाहीजे, कुणाशी संपर्क साधावा, याबाबतची संपूर्ण माहिती दिली. डॉ. पराग अडसुळे यांनी उपस्थितांना काही व्यायामाचे प्रात्यक्षिक दाखवून रुग्णांना मार्गदर्शन केले.



संजय विद्यालयात शिबिरादरम्यान उपस्थित प्रकाश कामत, डॉ. पराग अडसुळे, गुरुप्रसाद पायसकर व इतर.

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'दिव्यांगां'साठीही आता प्रशासन तुमच्या दारी

पणजी, दि. १३ (प्रतिनिधी) : राज्य व केंद्र सरकारच्या विविध योजनांचा लाभ घेण्यासाठी दिव्यांग व्यक्तींना आवश्यक असलेले दिव्यांग ओळखपत्र (युडीआयडी कार्ड) घरी बसल्या मिळवून देण्यासाठी राज्य समाज कल्याण विभागाने 'प्रशासन तुमच्या दारी' उपक्रम सुरू केला आहे.

या उपक्रमा अंतर्गत युडीआयडी कार्ड नोंदणी प्रक्रियेच्या सुलभतेसाठी समाज कल्याण विभागाने 'मिल्ड वर्कर्स' आणि 'मिल्ड सहाय्यक' नियुक्त केले आहेत. त्यांच्या उक्त कार्यशैलीमुळे केवळ तीन महिन्यांतच युडीआयडी कार्डासाठी राज्यातील २८०९ दिव्यांगांनी त्यांचे रोहकिंमत आपली माहिती राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांनी दिली. दिव्यांग व्यक्ती हक्क अधिनियम २०१६ आणि दिव्यांग श्रेणीनुसार केंद्र व राज्य सरकारच्या विविध योजनांचा लाभ मिळविण्यासाठी सर्व २१ प्रकारच्या दिव्यांग व्यक्तींस युडीआयडी कार्ड धारक असणे बंधनकारक आहे.

२०११ च्या जनगणनेनुसार राज्यात ३३,०१२ दिव्यांग व्यक्ती आहेत आणि आतापर्यंत फक्त केवळ १४३६ दिव्यांग व्यक्तींनाच युडीआयडी कार्ड मिळाले आहेत. युडीआयडी कार्ड संबंधित माहितीच्या अभाव किंवा माहिती तंत्रज्ञानाचे पुरेसे ज्ञान नसल्यामुळे आजही अनेक दिव्यांग व्यक्तींकडे युडीआयडी कार्ड नाही. याचाच विचार करून 'प्रशासन तुमच्या दारी' ही संकल्पना राज्यातील समाज कल्याण विभाग राबवत आहे. याचा अद्यतना घेण्याचे काम राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग करते. दि हे 'मिल्ड वर्कर्स' युडीआयडी कार्ड संबंधित माहिती गोळा करण्या व्यक्तींच्या दारी जाऊन त्यांची माहिती संकलित करतात. दि ही माहिती केंद्र सरकारने युडीआयडी कार्डकरीता सुरू केलेल्या विशेष संकेतस्थळावर (https://www.swavlambancard.gov.in/) अपलोड करणे आणि दिव्यांग व्यक्तींसाठी असलेल्या राज्य सरकारच्या विविध योजनांबाबत माहिती देणे, यासारखी कामे करतात.

पंचायत स्तरावर होणार शिबिर

राज्यातील समाज कल्याण विभागाने 'प्रशासन तुमच्या दारी' हे काम सुरू केले आहे. यासाठी राज्यातील दिव्यांग व्यक्तींसाठी पोहचण्याकरिता समाज कल्याण विभागाने पंचायत आणि जिल्हा स्तरावर विशेष शिबीर राबविण्याचे निर्णय घेतले आहे. या शिबिरांमध्ये दोन्ही तालुक्यांसाठी मिळून नगरपालिका स्तरावर दोन - तीन शिबिरे आयोजित केले जातील.



काणकोण : आयोंद पंचायत क्षेत्रातील एका विशेष व्यक्तीला 'युडीआयडी कार्ड' नोंदणी प्रक्रियेत मदत करताना 'मिल्ड वर्कर'.

Soon, visually-impaired students may be able to answer exams unassisted

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Panaji: Visually impaired students will soon be able to answer their own exams without the assistance of a writer. Currently, students with no vision and low vision dictate their answers to a scribe who writes their answer papers for them.

In the near future, students who opt to answer their papers themselves will be provided with laptops and earphones and will use a screen reader that will read out all text, including in vernacular languages. The students in turn will type out their answers on the laptop.

"The Goa board has already given a green signal and the moment there are candidates willing to answer exams without the help of a writer, they will provide them with laptops. In the next year-and-a-half, we should have visually impaired candidates competent enough to use a computer to answer their exams without a scribe," secretary of the Goa State Commission for Persons with Disability, Taha Haaziq, said.

File photo



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In the meantime, the National Association for the Blind (NAB) at St Cruz has begun focussed computer training for the visually impaired to familiarise them with computers and help them gain speed while using them with minimal errors.

NAB has partnered with the largest online library Bookshare, library for people with disabilities and is conducting a digital literacy programme for the students.

"If they answer without a writer, examiners will be in a position to assess the real knowledge of the student," president of NAB, Goa, Rozendo Mendonsa said.

▶ Class VIII kids, P 2

'Ensure proper infra for disabled persons at Iffi'

Times News Network

Panaji: The state commission for persons with disabilities (PWD) has requested the directorate of film festival of India (DFF) to make the 53rd International Film Festival of India (Iffi) accessible to disabled persons to ensure their inclusion.

The commission has asked the DFF to insist on closed captions (text version of spoken part of movies) for hearing impaired and audio description text for the visually impaired, for all movies to be screened at Iffi.

The concept of audio description and closed captioning was introduced at Iffi in 2016 and continued in 2017 and 2018. The commission said it was well received by the audience.

Regarding physical infrastructure, the commission has asked the DFF to ensure proper access for wheelchairs and lifts wherever required at all screening venues. It has also called for appropriate inclusive and accessible reading material such as large print copy, Braille and soft copy.



TOWARDS INCLUSIVITY

"Iffi is one of the biggest events in the country which screens and displays activities pertaining to film industries from around the world. Making this festival accessible to persons with disabilities will give this festival a broad phase and the country will get another major opportunity to showcase the concept of inclusive India," commissioner Guruprasad Pawaskar said in a letter to DFF.

The commission highlighted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 and the fact that India is one of the first countries to ratify the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in 2007 on the basis of which the new act was notified in 2016.

The letter has also been sent to chief minister Pramod Sawant, the minister, secretary and director of the social welfare department, office of chief commissioner for persons with disabilities, ministry of social justice and empowerment and Saksham Trust, New Delhi.

Goa boy's rarest blood disorder may be identified as disability

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Panaji: Unexplained red and purple bruises began appearing on Jacob Fernandes' (named changed) body when he was still a toddler. At age two, after several rounds of hospitals and laboratories, Jacob was diagnosed with the rarest of disorders, Glanzmann thrombasthenia, which causes the patient to bleed easily, sometimes for days.

Only 500 cases of Glanzmann thrombasthenia are recorded across the world and the number of cases in India are not yet known. Jacob's case could now help the disorder to be identified in India as a disability for the crippling effect it has on the life of those affected.

UNDERSTANDING THE DISORDER

Glanzmann thrombasthenia A bleeding disorder that is characterised by **prolonged or spontaneous bleeding**	**Treatment** | **Platelet transfusion** is the **standard treatment** for severe bleeding
Cause | Lack of a protein that is normally present on the surface of platelets. **The condition is congenital**, which means it is present from birth	**Cure** | It is a **lifelong condition, and there is no cure.** Patients should take special steps to try to avoid bleeding

▶ 'If notified', P 2

State Commission for PwDs provides prosthetic limbs to Fulrani

Team Herald

PANJIM: Fulrani Kinalekar, person with locomotor disability, a resident of Korgao, Pernem, was provided with prosthetic limbs by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) with the help of Rotary Club of Porvorim and Rotary Club of Mapusa Elite.

Expressing her gratitude to Guruprasad Pawaskar, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kinalekar said, "I had to face many difficulties before being provided with artificial legs. Now I am leading an independent life with the new prosthesis."

Pawaskar had been in constant contact with Kinalekar for the past three months to procure prosthetic limbs for her. Kinalekar participated in the fashion show organised during the Purple Fest using prosthetic limbs provided by the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, receiving many accolades from the audience.

HERALD PIC



Since the last year, the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities has taken the initiative of providing prosthetics limbs to the needy persons with disabilities so that even the people with disabilities can live independently.



ऑटिझम जागरूकता मोहिमेत गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, ताहा हजिक, ॲरेल्नि डिसा, लिवी मेंडोसा, प्रकाश कामत व मान्यवर.

पणजीत ऑटिझमविषयी जागृती

दिव्यांगजन आयोगाचा पुढाकार : बसस्थानकांवर पथनाट्ये

पणजी, ता. २१ : गोवा राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयोग, समाजकल्याण संचालनालय, गोवा दिव्यांगजन हक्क संघटना आणि ज्ञानबिंदी दिव्यांग प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने राज्यातील विविध कदंब बस स्थानकांवर चुकवारी ऑटिझम जनजागृती मोहीम राबवण्यात आली.

पणजी कदंब बसस्थानकावरील कार्यक्रमात उपस्थितांना संबोधित करताना दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर यांनी, दिव्यांगजनांच्या हक्कांबाबत लोकांमध्ये जागरूकता निर्माण करणे आणि त्यांच्याशी सहानुभूती व काळजीने वागणे, यावर भर दिला. याबेळी समाजकल्याण संचालनालयाचे उपसंचालक ताहा हजिक, 'डुंगे'चे अध्यक्ष ॲरेल्नि डिसा, 'डुंगे'च्या सदस्य लिवी मेंडोसा आणि ज्येष्ठ पत्रकार प्रकाश कामत उपस्थित होते.

दिव्यांगजनांनी त्वरित नोंदवल्या तक्रारी

ज्ञानबिंदीने दिव्यांग प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांनी सर्वसामान्यांमध्ये ऑटिझमविषयी जनजागृती करण्यासाठी बस स्थानकावर पथनाट्य सादर केले. अतिशय भावनापूर्ण पथनाट्याने उपस्थितांचे मने जिंकली. या पथनाट्यात सहभागी झालेल्या विद्यार्थ्यांचे कौतुक करण्यात आले. वास्को, मडगाव, पणजी येथील बसस्थानकावर पथनाट्य पहाण्यासाठी मोठी गर्दी झाली होती. या मोहिमेअंतर्गत केवळ जनजागृतीच झाली नाही, तर कार्यक्रमास उपस्थित असलेल्या विशेष लोकांनी कदंब कर्मचाऱ्यांकडे बस स्थानकावर उद्भवणाऱ्या समस्यांची तक्रारही नोंदवली.

'Beyond beaches, Goa made headlines with Purple Fest'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Panaji: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, in his Mann Ki Baat programme, congratulated the organisers of Purple Fest, the national festival for the disabled, held in Goa earlier this month. It will prove to be very effective in realising India's vision of accessible India, he said.

Purple Fest was organised by Goa's Commission for Persons with Disabilities and chief minister Pramod Sawant has said that he wants to make the festival an annual event.

"My dear countrymen, what comes to your mind when someone talks about the tourist hub Goa? Naturally, as soon as the name of Goa is referred to, first of all, the beautiful coastline, beaches and favourite food items come to mind. But something happened in Goa this month, which is in the headlines. Today in 'Mann Ki Baat', I want to share this with all of you. This event happened in Goa — Purple Fest," Modi said.

This fest was organised in Panaji from January 6 to 8 and this was a unique effort in itself for the welfare of divyangs, he said.

"How big an occasion Purple Fest was, you can all guess from the fact that more than 50,000 brothers and sisters of ours participated in it. The people who came here were thrilled about the fact that they could now enjoy Miramar beach to the fullest. In fact, Miramar beach has become one of the accessible beaches of Goa for our divyang brothers and sisters," the PM said.

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Along with a cricket tournament, table tennis tournament, marathon competition, a deaf-blind convention was also organised as part of the Purple Fest, Modi said.

"Apart from the unique bird watching programme, a film was also shown here. Special arrangements were made for this, so that all our divyang brothers and sisters and children could enjoy it to the fullest. One special thing about Purple Fest was the participation of the private sector of the country in it. Products which are divyang-friendly were showcased on their behalf."

He said that many efforts were also seen at the fest to raise awareness about the welfare of the divyangs.

"For making Purple Fest a success, I congratulate all the people who participated in it. Along with this, I also congratulate those volunteers, who came together to work day and night to organise this. I have full faith that such campaigns will prove to be very effective in realising our vision of accessible India," Modi said.

State commissioner for persons with disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar said it was a great joy to hear the Prime Minister speak about Purple Fest on Mann Ki Baat.

"The fest would not have been possible without the unwavering support of chief minister Pramod Sawant and social welfare minister Subhash Phal Dessai and all our partners and volunteers," he said.

'Separate dept will help PwDs greatly'

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Panaji: Efforts are under way to make the Goa state commission for persons with disabilities (PwDs) a separate department, said Guruprasad Pawaskar, state commissioner for PwDs. The body currently operates under the Social Welfare Department.

"Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have a separate department for social justice and empowerment of PwDs. A lot of things can be put in place and we can do



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it's a separate department," he said.

After the success of the first edition of the Purple Festival in Goa which was the first-ever inclusive festival for PwDs, Pawaskar has asked for suggestions from members of the disability community to formulate policies for PwDs in sports and tourism sectors.

In sports the commission is proposing schemes that will offer support to para-athletes from Goa during their outstation travel. "We have proposed a separate allocation of funds

in the sports department so that they don't have to rely on anyone else for the sanction. We are awaiting a response from the government on this," Pawaskar. He also added that

cash awards for para-athletes who represent the state a at national events.

The commission is also contemplating making various grounds and stadia under the Sports Authority of Goa (SAG) accessible to PwDs and invite special trainers as well as coaches to Goa to train para-athletes in the state at these grounds. "The indoor stadium at Campal is fully accessible for PwDs. Similarly, we will take other SAG spaces one at a time. We will also ensure that there are proper

the process will start soon," he said.

For tourism, beach access is also in the process at Baga, Arambol, Colva and Palolem. Additionally, 40 government buildings across the state are going to be made accessible within two years.

"There are harmonised guidelines for universal accessibility in force that are not being implemented. New buildings must not be given occupancy certificates unless the premises are accessible as per central government gui-

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विशेष रचना असलेल्या ई-रिक्षांचे गोव्यात अनावरण

'पर्पल महोत्सवातील युनिफाईड बीच क्रिकेट स्पर्धेचे उद्घाटन

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पणजी, दि. ७ : गोवा राज्याचे सामाजिकल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई यांच्या हस्ते मंगळवारी रेसमार किनाऱ्यावर असेस्मिबल हीलचेअर ई-रिक्षाचे तसेच युनिफाईड बीच क्रिकेट स्पर्धेचे उद्घाटन करण्यात आले. ६ ते ८ जानेवारी दरम्यान पर्पल महोत्सव १ वैविध्यतेचा सोहळा आयोजित करण्यात आला आहे. भारतामध्ये प्रथमच अशा प्रकारची विशेष रचना असलेल्या ई-रिक्षाचे गोव्यामध्ये अनावरण करण्यात आले आहे.

सुलभ भारत अभियानाअंतर्गत झीमुव्ह या कंपनीने अशा प्रकारच्या ४ असेस्मिबल व्हीलचेअर ई-रिक्षांचा प्रवास केला आहे. पर्पल होल्स्वात सहभागी होणाऱ्या



पणजी : ई-रिक्षांचे उद्घाटन दिव्यांगाच्या हस्ते करताना. सोबत मान्यवर.

विकलांग व्यक्तींना विविध प्रवेश स्थळांवर सुलभपणे प्रवास करता यावा यासाठी असा ६ ई-रिक्षा उपलब्ध करण्यात आल्या आहेत.

यावेळी मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई म्हणाले की, पर्पल महोत्सव हा उपक्रम अनेक प्रकारे फलदायी ठरणार आहे. या व्हीलचेअर व्यक्तींचे सक्षमीकरण करण्याच्या प्रयत्नांना या ई-रिक्षामुळे बळकटी येणार आहे. वैविध्यतेची श्रीमंती राखतानाच सर्वसमावेशकतेच्या समाधानाची झालर प्रत्येकाच्या जीवनात फुलवण्याच्या उद्देशाने आणि सर्वांचेच सक्षमीकरण करण्यासाठी एक योग्य पाऊल उचलले गेले आहे.

यानिमित्त जोडून विकलांग व्यक्तींसाठी आयुक्त पावसकर यांनी अधिकाधिक पर्यटनाना या रिक्षासेवेचा वापर करून महोत्सवाचा आनंद लुटावा असे आवाहन केले.

यावेळी राज्याचे मुख्य सचिव पुनीत कुमार गोयल, पणजीचे महापौर रोहित मोन्सेरात, विकलांग व्यक्तींसाठीच्या राज्य आयोगाचे सचिव ताहा हाजिक आणि समाजकल्याण संचालनालयाच्या संचालिका संध्या कामत आदी मान्यवर उपस्थित होते. पर्पल महोत्सवाच्यानिमित्त विकलांग व्यक्तींना हॉटेलपासून महोत्सव स्थळापर्यंत तसेच हॉटेल व रेल्वे स्टेशनपर्यंत आवश्यक प्रवास करण्यासाठी या वाहनांचा वापर होणार आहे.

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आम्ही बि'घडलो' तुम्ही बिघडाना...

'पर्पल फेस्ट'चा तीन दिवसांचा मोठा कार्यक्रम ज्या वैचारिक पठडीने आखला गेलाय त्यात विविध दिव्यांग, त्यांचे कुटुंबीय, विशेषसाठा यांना सहभागी करून घेण्याचा आले आहे.



प्रसन्न दलन दासरी



Inclusivity to the fore

LAILYANI HAJAM | NT NETWORK

As a person with full visual impairment, tell us about your experience as one of the coordinators for the Purple Fest.

I could say the experience has been wonderful. If you look at all the activities that are a part of the upcoming fests, be it The Dimensions of Social Welfare or The Deaf Empowerment Society of Goa, for that matter, has been on the ability of every individual and not the disability. It is a lovely thing to see everyone at working together. I have people from my group who are blind, orthopedically disabled, so I have a learning experience. But you know how it is of the stuff comes up and I tell you, that process will not be able to do it. Please provide me with somebody else".

So challenging has the process of setting the festival ground been as far as festival will have more than 10 events. So it is huge and challenging for us. It is a new concept, it is risk, but we know we will be able to do it. We do not know if it will be 10% successful but we will make it safe for sure.

Do the festival be more of learning experience for persons with disability or will it be more of an experience for the world around the same aware and accepting of persons with disability?

It will be both. The third track sessions have on hearing rights from the Deaf and Convention in Access India movements, to employment, education and sports section, everything is step towards empowering persons with disabilities [Sic!]).

So festival will also be a good opportunity to sensitise society using it as experience zones. We also see accommodation centres for regular schools. I'm expecting almost 100 students from regular schools using the festival every day. There will also be education for architects of civil engineers on how to design zones for persons with disabilities, a right from bathrooms and toilets during zones. There will be a little



Purple Fest, India's first-of-its-kind inclusive fest to be held from January 6-8, 2023 aims to create an inclusive world for everyone. Secretary at the Office of the State Commissioner for the Persons with Disabilities, Goa Taha Haaziq gives NT NETWORK an insight into the fest

When it comes to persons with disability, there is a huge gap between their actual need and what the government provides.

The government is providing schemes, but there is a lack of awareness about them. There are schemes that are not reaching the end user. Apart from the government, there are many NGOs who are working on a lot of issues in Goa like only interventions and all-inclusive education.

Persons with disability and their families still face stigma from society. How can this be tackled?

People's mindsets have to change. Families of persons with disability are still hesitant to talk about the disabilities and problems. This is especially true for female persons with disability as the family feels that it

I know visually impaired people who are writing their own exam papers using their laptops. Few universities have started doing this. Even the Goa board has now said that if anybody is confident enough to type their own papers, they are ready to provide accessible PDF documents.

Apart from the government, there are many NGOs who are working on a lot of issues in Goa like only intervention and all-inclusive education. They are like guiding forces in terms of what are the rights and what is available for a person with disabilities. But there are some people who are not ready to accept their disability.'

Education and technology are enablers for persons with disability today. But technology, unless it is rounded to a big peg, remains costly. The numbers also are often small as far as disability is concerned. How can we overcome this deficiency?

In terms of education, digital literacy

People first still not high stamps and raise huge expectations. Is the government of Goa prepared to meeting them?

Yes. We are planning to document on check task creators, and what is required to be taken into policy to be submitted. These should be prop

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अनाथांचे नाथ शंकरबाबा पापळकरांची खंत

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पणजी, ता. ७ : देशभरात अनेक मतिमंद मुलांना रस्त्यावर, सर्कसच्या पडद्यात, कार्यक्रमात फेकले जाते. अशा मुलांना आणि दिव्यांगांना बरबादच्या पाठीवरले जाते. त्यांचे संगोपन तेथे केले जाते, मात्र, १८ वर्षे पूर्ण होताच त्यांचे तोंडचे काढले जाते. जी मुले सुदृढ असतात ती काम करून पोट भरू शकतात, मात्र, जी मुले अंध असतात, मानसिक आधू असतात, त्यांना बोलता येत नाही असा दिव्यांगांनी बरबादच्या काळजीवर कायमचे काय ?

दरवर्षी १८ वर्षे पूर्ण झालेल्या सेवाग्राम दिव्यांगांना बालगृहातून काढले जाते त्यांचे पुढे काय होते, याबाबत कोणताच कल्पना नाही. त्यांच्या अशा यातनांचे व्यक्त करताना रक्त, अंधांदास वेदा अकोल दिव्यांग बालगृह चालवणारे मेळघाटचे तथा समाजकार्यकर्ते शंकरबाबा पापळकर म्हणाले की,

ए सूरज तुझे क्या मालूम रात का गम
तू किसी रोज उतर रात के घाट.....

पर्वरी मुक्कामावर 'गोमन्तक' प्रतिनिधीने घेतलेल्या मुलाखतीत ते बोलत होते. शंकरबाबा म्हणाले, बंबासन दिव्यांगांच्या तक्रारकडो मी गेली कित्येक वर्षे लढतोय, संघर्ष करतोय. बंबासन दिव्यांगांना शासनाने आजीवन पुनर्वसन करावे, त्यांचे वेतन नाही, त्यांची पालकांप्रमाणे काळजी घ्यावी, त्यासाठी कायदा व्हावा आणि त्यांची सुरक्षा गोव्यासह प्रत्येक राज्यात व देशातील एक गतकाची घटना ठरेल.

मुख्यमंत्र्यांना निवेदन



बरबादच्या दिव्यांग पुनर्वसन मंडळात सादर करून १८ वर्षांवरील बंबासन दिव्यांग मुलांसाठी आजीवन पुनर्वसनाचा कायदा गोवा सरकारने लागू करावा, अशी मागणी शंकरबाबा पापळकर यांनी मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. प्रमोद सावंत यांची शासकीय निवासस्थान पहाटेच्यावेळी भेटल्यावर केली. यावेळी त्यांच्यासोबत 'बाद टोन इंडिया' संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष पिटे, गोव्याचे माहिती आयुक्त संजय ढवळीकर व अन्य प्रेम तांबोचे प्रमोद पाट उपस्थित होते. प्रमोद सावंत यांनी आठवडाभर दिले होते, गोवा सरकारचे दिव्यांग विषयांचे सचिव मुख्य पाचपाखाल यांना बरबादला भेटी घालून या विषयाचा पाठपुरावा करण्यास.

'वडझार मॉडेल' राबवा



दिव्यांगांचे पुनर्वसन हे शंकरबाबांचे जनुदान देऊन होणार नाही त्यासाठी वडझार मॉडेल राबविले पाहिजे, या मॉडेलनुसार बेतालभाटी दिव्यांगांचे पालकत्व स्वीकारले पाहिजे, शिक्षणाची दायित्व, अन्नधान्याई, घरदान ओळखपत्र देत त्यांना अंतरात्मिजवून देणे गरजेचे आहे. या मुलांपासून झाले लाखून व्यावसायिक उत्पादन लाखो बुद्धिवंत वाहेल. गाडग्याबाबे जाहीर ४२३ दिव्यांग मुले आहेत. त्यांचे पूर्णपणे सांभाळणे केले आहे. अनेकांनी लग्नेदेखील लावून दिली आहेत. देवाला वडझार मॉडेलची गरज असून या उपक्रमाबद्दल आपण योग्यासाठी आग्रह धरू, असे शंकरबाबांनी सांगितले.



पणजी : पर्वरी फेस्टच्या दुसऱ्या दिवशी दिव्यांगांनी पारंपरिक लोककलाप्रकारांचे अप्रतिम सादरीकरण केले.









पालकांच्या संघर्षकथा : प्रत्येक तालुक्यात एक पुनर्वसन केंद्र असणे गरजेचे

आमच्यानंतर मुलांच्या संगोपनाचे काय?

पणजी, ता. ७ (प्रतिनिधी) : माझी मुलगी दिव्यांग आहे. ती विशेषमुलगा आहे. मी या कार्यक्रमासाठी आलेले दिव्या संगोपनासाठी माझा पहिला १. दिव्यांगांनी एका घेतली आहे. माझ्यानंतर माझ्या मुलाचे काय होणार ? असा प्रश्न प्रत्येक पालकाला पडतो. त्यामुळे पालक पहिल्यापेक्षा शिक्षण आणि त्यांना रोजगार मिळवून देण्याचा प्रयत्न करतात. हा प्रश्न एकट्याने दाखवा असतात. मात्र, कधीही या प्रश्नाचा सामने चर्चा लागतोय, असे प्रतिपादन शंकरा सावंत यांनी केले.

पर्वरी महोत्सवात 'आमच्यानंतर आमच्या मुलांचे काय ?' चर्चासत्राचा आयोजित स्वयंसेवक तथा बोलत होता. हे चर्चासत्र गोवा मनोरंजन सोसायटी दुपारी २.३० वाजता आयोजित करण्यात आले होते. यावेळी पूनम नटराजन, संस्था सावोळे, जमिला डाकिज, शंकरबाबा पापळकर यांनी सहभाग घेतला.

माझा मुलगा मी पुनर्वसन केंद्र सुरू केले, ज्यात सध्या १६ दिव्यांग मुले सहज असल्याचे शंकर सावंत यांनी सांगितले. दिव्या चौरंगाला दुसऱ्या पंच्या कार्यालय व्यवस्थापन, गोवा राज्य सचे सदस्य आहे. त्यामुळे प्रत्येक तालुक्यात एक पुनर्वसन केंद्र आपले स्वप्न आहे. शंकरबाबा पापळकरांनी संगाव्य मुलांच्या आजीवन पुनर्वसनासाठी कायदा व्हावा तसा आणि दिव्यांगांच्या सामाजीकरणासाठी 'खड्डार मॉडेल' अवलंबिले गरजेचे असल्याचे म्हणितले.

त्याच्यामुळे जीवन उमगले



पणजी : शोभा सावोळे, पूनम नटराजन, संस्था सावोळेचे, जमिला डाकिज, शंकरबाबा पापळकर व इतर.

अंध मातेची गोष्ट : जमिला डाकिज या स्वतः एकट्या अंध असून त्या पुनर्वसनाच्या बाबतीत जरा डाकरले होते कारण मुलाला सोबत घेऊन त्या कार्यक्रमाला येत होत्या. मात्र, मुलाने कुटुंबीयांनी फोनि नाही सोडले. मुलाने लहानपणी तीव्र प्रकाश पहिल्यामुळे त्याची दृष्टी कमी झाली. मुलाने स्वतःची जगावे, असे आपली इच्छा असून तसा प्रयत्नही त्यांनी त्याला देत असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले.

ब्लाइंड कार रॅलीचा थरार; सहभागींमध्ये प्रचंड उत्साह

दृष्टिदोष असलेल्या व्यक्ती दिशादर्शक, नकाशे मार्गदर्शक

पणजी, ता. ७ : दृष्टिदोषाचा सोडला दात असलेल्या पर्वत पेलण्यामध्ये प्रकाश आणीबाणि अंधांसाठीच्या कार रॅलीचा उत्साह पहायली झाला त्यांच दृष्टिदोष असलेल्या व्यक्ती या दिशादर्शक (नेविगेटर) होत्या तर खेळ लिंगोतील नकाशे त्यांनी मार्गदर्शक सेवे. त्यांनी चार वाहनांच्या या स्पर्धेच्या फेरीमध्ये सुमारे ५० किलोमीटर अंतर पार केले. या स्पर्धेचे उद्घाटन गोवा राज्याचे विकलांग व्यक्तीसाठीचे आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर आणि दृष्टिबाधांनी अधिकारी पूजा बेदी यांच्या विशेष उपस्थितीमध्ये अंधांसाठीच्या या खास रॅलीचा हिरवा झेंडा दाखवण्यात आला. या रॅलीमध्ये देशभरातून आलेले २५ दृष्टिबाधित सहभागी झाले होते.



पणजी : वाहनांचे चार रॅलीचा जोमाचा वावटा दाखवून प्रारंभ करताना नवी सुमाच पळाडेसाई, गोविंद नायडे व मान्यवर.

आपल्या ३५ कारसह तांबेच ४० नेविगेटर स्पर्धेक सहभागी झाले होते. सकाळी १० वाजता आयोजित परियात या रॅलीचा प्रारंभ झाला. त्यानंतर मिरामार चर्कलेला सहाय्य घालून ही रॅली पणजीतील जुन्या पुलावरून मु. डा पेरा पोरम मार्गावरून कळंगुट चर्च आणि तेथून परत प्रारंभाच्या ठिकाणीपर्यंत पोचली.

गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर म्हणाले की, या अनोख्या अंधांसाठीच्या कार रॅलीद्वारे पुढाकार घेतलेल्या तेहती करावा अंधत्व पणजी आणि त्यांचे चार सहाय्य गोवा गो खूप फलो आहे, पर्वत फस्ट उपक्रमादरम्यान असे अनेक क्षण प्रत्येकजणांच्या अनुभवात कायमचे सोन्यासारीय ठरणार आहेत.

आज रॅलीचा निकाल

दृष्टिदोष असलेले दिशादर्शक आणि इतरी असलेले चालक यांनी एकत्रपणे काम करत समन्वय, सांघिक आणि परस्परावलंबितेचा अनुभव सादर येथील शंख लिंगोतील नकाशांच्या आधारे आणि दिशादर्शकांच्या सूचनांच्या आधारे चालकांनी मार्गक्रमण केले. सर्वसाधारण ही रॅली रेडिओकिस, वेंडियानेच्या सोहळा ठरली. या रॅलीच्या यशस्वी सांगतेनंतर सहभागी झालेल्या प्रत्येकाने जल्लोषात आनंद साजरा केला. विजेचार, ८ जानेवारी रोजी या रॅलीचे तार रॅलीच निकाल जाहीर होणार आहे.

६ एकत्रेयाला मदत करण्यासाठी, आधार देण्यासाठी, चांगल्या कामेसाठी प्रोत्साहित करण्यासाठी आणि आपल्या कामगिरीत सुधारणा करण्यासाठी लोक एकत्र आल्याचे पहायले हा एक सुखद असा अनुभव आहे.

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दिव्यांगांसाठी समर्पित असणारा 'पर्पल फेस्ट' त्यांना एकत्र आणून त्यांच्या विकास व सक्षमीकरणासाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण आहे. यात दिव्यांगांच्या विविध समस्यांवर चर्चा अपेक्षित असून त्यांच्या कलागुणांचे दर्शन या महोत्सवातून सर्वांना घडणार आहे.

मुख्यमंत्री : दिव्यांगांच्या सक्षमीकरणाचे उद्दिष्ट; 'बर्ड वॉक' उपक्रमात 69 प्रतिनिधींचा सहभाग

उत्साही वातावरणात 'पर्पल फेस्ट'ला प्रारंभ

पणजी, ता. ६ (खास प्रतिनिधी) : देशातील पहिल्या विशेषतीने समेत सर्वसमावेशकतेचे दर्शन घडवून उपयुक्त ठरलेल्या पर्पल फेस्टला सायंकाळच्या उपस्थितीत उत्साही वातावरणात सुरुवात झाली.

आयोजित परिसरात झालेल्या उद्घाटन सोहळ्याचा गोवा राज्याने सुपुत्राची डॉ. प्रमोद सावंत, केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय आणि सक्षमीकरण मंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार यांचा प्रमुख उपस्थिती होती, तसेच पर्यटनमंत्री रोहन खंवटे, समाजकल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, पशुसंवर्धन मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, पशुसंवर्धन खात्याचे भविष्य सुभाष चंद्रा, पणजीचे नगराध्यक्ष तसेच डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार यांचा प्रमुख उपस्थिती होती. दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त मुरुगाद पाळकर, राज्य समाजकल्याण संचालिका संध्या कामत आदी मान्यवरांची सन्मानीय उपस्थिती होती.



पर्पल फेस्ट महोत्सवाच्या उद्घाटनप्रसंगी केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय आणि सक्षमीकरण मंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार, मुख्यमंत्री प्रमोद सावंत, पर्यटन मंत्री रोहन खंवटे, समाजकल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, समाजकल्याण खात्याचे सचिव सुभाष चंद्रा, पणजीचे नगराध्यक्ष वीरेंद्र भोसले, गोवा राज्य विकलांग व्यक्तींसाठीचे आयुक्त मुरुगाद पाळकर, राज्य समाजकल्याण संचालिका संध्या कामत आदी.

विविध उपक्रमांची रेलचेल

● 'चुई केअर' चिरपट महोत्सवास मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, सचिव तारा त्रागिक आणि म्युरेटर सरीता कपूर यांच्या उपस्थितीत सुरुवात झाली. या तीन दिवसीय चित्रपट महोत्सवासाठी ६,००० हून अधिक गोवंकरीय विद्यार्थी सहभागी होतील. ● फीट इन दि सॅंड, इमोशिनल, नेटवर्क ऑफ इन साइन लॅंग्वेज, टाउनी स्टेप आदी चित्रपटांचे प्रदर्शन करण्यात आले. ● पर्पल एक्सपिरियन इव्हेंटसाठी दिव्यांग व्यक्तींसाठी विविध कक्ष उभारण्यात आले आहेत. याशिवाय दिव्यांगांसह सर्वच लोकांचे सक्षमीकरण करण्याचा प्रयत्न आहे. ● याम्बरे फनबूक, फ्लायट्रा, टेलीफिलिया सोसायटी गोवा, सेतू, रगाळ कल्याण वाडा, आरोग्य कक्ष आणि जागृती मेळा अशी विविध कक्ष आहेत. विविध संकल्पनांबाबत अधिक स्पष्ट आकलन घडावून आणण्याच्या उद्देशाने विविध कृती-उपक्रम राबविले जात आहेत.



पहिल्या दिवसाची ठळक वैशिष्ट्ये

● कलमली तलावार रचलेली 'बर्ड वॉक' उपक्रमात ६९ प्रतिनिधी सहभागी झाले. ● गाण्यांचे दृष्टिदोष असलेले ३१, अंशतः अंध असलेले १५ आणि बलगाटोप असलेले २२ प्रतिनिधी. ● पादरान त्यांनी विविध प्रकारच्या पक्ष्यांचे निरिक्षण केले. ● पर्पल रेस उपक्रमामध्ये दृष्टिदोष तसेच संज्ञात्मक सपरणा असलेला तसेच तूई भार तन सॅटेलाइट दृस्टचा संगीतकार तिलिक आर. राजा आणि शंकर महादेवन यांच्या 'जॅपफुल कॉयर' या उपक्रमाने गोवा मनोरंजन सोसायटीच्या आवार सांगीतिक उजेने भारावून गेला. ● 'पर्पल याचेस्को' उपक्रमात ९६ हा चित्रपट सादर केला. चित्रपटात संकेतिक भाषा दुभाषींच्या माध्यमातून चित्रपटाचा अर्थ सादर करण्यात आला आहे.

> राज्यात दिव्यांगजनांच्या कल्याणासाठी विविध उपक्रम राबविले जात आहेत. ८० हजारे दिव्यांगजन असलेल्या व्यक्तींना मासिक ३,५०० आणि इतर दिव्यांग व्यक्तींना मासिक २,५०० रुपये दिले जातात. दिव्यांगजनांसाठी आरक्षणाचे प्रमाणही अधिक आहे. राजधानी पणजी दिव्यांगजन शहर बनविले आहे.
> - प्रमोद सावंत, मुख्यमंत्री

दोन दिवसीय कार्यशाळेचे उद्घाटन

दिव्यांगांना प्रोत्साहन देणे गरजेचे : वीरेंद्र कुमार

पणजी, ता. ६ (प्रतिनिधी) : दिव्यांगजनांचे आत्मविश्वास व स्वावलंबी होण्यासाठी समेत पायाभूतविकासासाठी केंद्र सरकारने महत्त्वाचे पाऊल उचलले आहे. त्यांच्या कलागुणांना समेत प्रोत्साहन व्यासपीठ उपलब्ध करून देण्याचे काम आहे, या दोन दिवसीय कार्यशाळेमधून विविध राज्यांत सरकारी पायाभूतसेवेत विविध योजनांबाबत चर्चा होऊन दिव्यांगजनांच्या आत्मविश्वास पहिल समेत त्यांना प्रोत्साहन देण्यास हातभार मिळेल, असे मत केंद्रीय मंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार यांनी व्यक्त केले.

पणजीत एका हॉटेलात आज व उद्या अशी दोन दिवसीय कार्यशाळा दिव्यांगजनांच्या सशक्तीकरणाच्या विभागाद्वारे आयोजित करण्यात आली आहे. त्याचे उद्घाटन केंद्रीय मंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार यांच्या हस्ते झाले. यावेळी गोव्याचे सामाजकल्याणमंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, सामाजिक न्याय व सक्षमीकरण मंत्रालयाचे सचिव राजेश अग्रवाल, नेरद कामत उपस्थित होते.

दिव्यांगांसाठी कर्जयोजना

पंतप्रधान नरेंद्र मोदी यांनी दिव्यांगांना शिक्षण, तांत्रिक सेवेत इतर होणत सधी देण्याचा निर्णय घेतला आहे त्याचा जोरदारपणे प्रचार देले जात आहे. विविध क्षेत्रांमधे प्रशिक्षण देऊन स्वावलंबी होण्यासाठी इच्छा असलेल्या दिव्यांगांना केंद्र सरकारने कर्जयोजनाही लागू केली असून त्याचा लाभ अनेकजण घेत आहेत. दिव्यांग आत्मनिर्भर बनले त्यावेळी त्याने संपूर्ण कुटुंब, समाज व देश आत्मनिर्भर बनतो, असे कुमार म्हणाले.

समन्वित दृष्टिकोन बाळगा

पॅनलमधील पर्यटन डिस्टिक्टलच्या संयुक्त दिशानी अपंग व्यक्तींना सक्षमीकरणाची संधित नमस्त दर्शनाचा बोलताना डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार म्हणाले की, सर्वसमावेशक समाज निर्माण करण्यासाठी त्यांना पुनर्वसनाचा सरकारी, बिगर-सरकारी, कॉर्पोरेट क्षेत्रांना सॅटेलाइट बनविले आणि दिव्यांगजनांच्या सक्षमीकरणासाठी समन्वित दृष्टिकोन बाळगणे हा या कार्यशाळेचा उद्देश आहे.



पणजी : दोन दिवसीय कार्यशाळेच्या उद्घाटनप्रसंगी केंद्रीयमंत्री डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार, शेजारील नाम्बदार.

> पर्पल फेस्ट सुरू केल्याने गोवा दिव्यांगजन सक्षमीकरणात मैलाचा दगड ठरेल. 'दिव्य कला मेळा' दिल्ली येथे दिनांक २०२२ मध्ये आयोजित होत त्यावेळी आम्ही अनुभवले आहे की, दिव्यांगजन उद्योजक होऊ शकतात आणि ते नावीन्यपूर्ण वस्तूंचा वेळून घेतात. अपंग व्यक्तींना अधिकार मिळवून देण्यासाठी २०१६ मध्ये अपंग व्यक्तींचे हक्क कायदा लागू करण्यात आला होता.
> - डॉ. वीरेंद्र कुमार, केंद्रीय मंत्री

महोत्सवात उपयुक्त जागृती मेळावा

शिक्षण, आरोग्य रोजगाराबाबत मिळतेय माहिती

पणजी, ता. ६ (प्रतिनिधी) : देशातील पहिल्या पर्पल फेस्टची सुरुवात झाली असून देशभरातून सुमारे ५ हजारांहून अधिक दिव्यांगांनी या महोत्सवात सहभाग नोंदविला आहे. कला, संगीत, ज्ञान आदींविषयी दिव्यांगांच्या गरजा, त्यांना हव्या असलेल्या आरोग्य, शिक्षण, मनोरंजन आदी योजनेबाबत जागृती मेळाव्यात दिव्यांगांना, त्यांच्या पालकांना तसेच सर्वसामान्य नागरिकांपर्यंतही माहिती पोहोचविली जात आहे.

दिव्यांगांना त्यांच्यासाठी शासनाद्वारे राबविण्यात येणाऱ्या विविध योजना, सुविधांची माहिती या फेस्टमधून प्राप्त होत असल्याने दिव्यांगांकडून समाधान व्यक्त करण्यात आले. दिव्यांगांसाठी सर्व माहिती एकाच ठिकाणी उपलब्ध व्हावी, या महोत्सवात दिव्यांगांसाठी ते उपक्रम राबविले जात आहेत त्याची माहितीकडून जाणून घेतले जात आहे.

21 दिव्यांगांच्या यशोगाथा

आपल्या दुर्बलतेवर मात करून, विविध प्रकारचे कष्ट सोसून, संघर्ष केलेल्या २१ दिव्यांगांच्या यशोगाथांवरील या मेळाव्यात माहिती दिली जात आहे. त्यातूनही अनेक दिव्यांगांसाठी तसेच सर्वसामान्य नागरिकांसाठी हा शिकण प्रेरणादायी ठरत आहे. अनेक नागरिक आवर्जून या विभागाला भेट देऊन या यशोगाथांबाबत माहिती घेत आहेत.

स्वास्थ्य सेवा विभागाकडून प्रयत्न

दिव्यांगांना पुरविण्यात येणाऱ्या विविध स्वास्थ्यसंबंधी सेवा, त्या कशा प्राप्त करावयात, त्यासाठी कराव्या लागणाऱ्या प्रक्रिया आदी यांविषयीचा स्वास्थ्य सेवा विभागाद्वारे पहिली पुजिवली जात असल्याने दिव्यांगांसाठी आरोग्याच्या अनुषंगाने हा मेळावा महत्त्वाचा ठरत आहे.

आतबऱ्याला घ्याव्या लागतात तीन लसी: राणे

पणजी, ता. ६ (प्रतिनिधी) : हिमोफिलिया हा दुर्धर आजार लहानो पोषित आहे. रक्तातील पाठकपेशी एका घटकाची जो कमतरता रहिल्याने रक्तस्राव होतो, यातून वर सहपचे असोत तर आतबऱ्यातून तीव्रता लसीकरण करावे लागते, परंतु तसी सतागडया उपलब्ध. १५ ते २० हजार रुपये एका लसीची किंमत असते. त्यामुळे मध्यिमवर्गातील सुमार २ लाखांहून अधिकच्या लसी घ्याव्या लागतात, अशी माहिती हिमोफिलिया दिव्यांग विभागाचे बॉर्ड अॅम्बेसेडर संजीव राणे यांनी दै. गोमन्तक शी बोलताना दिली. पर्पल फेस्टमध्ये त्यांच्याशी संवाद साधला.



गत आठवड्याच तीन लसी घ्याव्या लागतात. हिमोफिलिया दिव्यांगजनांत पुर्णत: वर आजच्या असल्या तर रक्तातील १८ वरेरे रक्तांची लस घ्यावी लागते या लसीच्या किमतीत ८८ टक्क्यांची घसरण झाली आहे.

लोकमत

राज्यात प्रथमच दिव्यांगांची कार रॅली

मंत्री फळदेसाई यांनी दाखवला झेंडा : अभिनेत्री पूजा बेदी यांची प्रमुख उपस्थिती

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

पणजी : पर्पल फेस्टच्या अंतर्गत राज्यात प्रथमच अंध व्यक्तींसाठी खास कार रॅलीचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. अंध व्यक्तींना उपयोगात येईल, अशा काही सुविधा या कारमध्ये उपलब्ध करून देण्यात आल्या होत्या. ध्वनिमुद्रणाने नेव्हिगेटर आणि ब्रेल नक्शाचे याचा समावेश होता. याच सुविधा अंध चालकाला रस्त्यांबाबत मार्गदर्शन करत होत्या. प्रथमच होत असल्याने हा एक ऐतिहासिक कार्यक्रम ठरला. देशाच्या विविध भागांतून ३७ जणांनी यात भाग घेतला होता.

या खास कार रॅलीला समाजकल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, क्रीडामंत्री गोविंद गावडे, राज्य दिव्यांग आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर आणि अभिनेत्री पूजा बेदी यांच्या उपस्थितीत हिरवा झेंडा दाखवण्यात आला. अभिनेत्री पूजा बेदी म्हणाल्या की, मला वाटते की जेव्हा लोक सशक्त करण्यासाठी, एकमेकांना मदत करण्यासाठी आणि समर्थन देण्यासाठी एकत्र येतात, तसेच लोकांना चांगले काम करण्यासाठी प्रोत्साहित करतात तेव्हा खरोखरच वेगळे ऐतिहासिक काम होऊ शकते. या रॅलीमुळे मला वैयक्तिकपण अनुभवायला मिळाले. अंध व्यक्तींची इच्छाशक्ती खरोखरच प्रेरणादायी आहे. शनिवारी सकाळी १० वा. पणजी येथील आयनॉक्स कोर्टयार्ड येथून रॅलीला सुरुवात झाली. नेत्र निरीक्षण सर्कलकडून फिरून जुन्या पणजी पुलावरून वळून चोगम रस्त्यावरून कलेक्ट चर्च आणि तेथून पुन्हा याच मार्गाने आयनॉक्स कोर्टयार्ड, असा प्रवास होता.

या रॅलीदरम्यान सर्व सहभागींनी सुरक्षितपणे वाहने चालवत एक वेगळा अनुभव घेतला. दिव्यांग चालकांनी मार्गावर नेव्हिगेट करण्यासाठी ब्रेल नक्शे आणि नेव्हिगेटर्सच्या दिशानिर्देशांवर अवलंबून राहून परस्परावलंबनाच्या भावनेने एकत्र काम केले आणि रॅली यशस्वी केली.



कार रॅलीला झेंडा दाखवताना मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, मंत्री गोविंद गावडे, गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, अभिनेत्री पूजा बेदी व ब्रेल मान्यवर. (छाया : गणेश शेटकर)

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पर्पल फेस्टिव्हलमध्ये दिव्यांगजन व्यक्तींकडून विविध कला प्रदर्शन

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

पणजी : पर्पल फेस्टमध्ये दिव्यांगजन व्यक्तींनी कला प्रदर्शन भरवले आहे. या प्रदर्शनाला उपस्थित प्रतिनिधींकडून चांगला प्रतिसाद मिळत आहे. पर्पल फेस्ट रविवार, ८ जानेवारीपर्यंत चालणार आहे.

केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय आणि सशक्तीकरण मंत्री डॉ. विजेंद्र कुमार यांनी प्रदर्शनाला भेट दिली. त्यांच्यासोबत समाज कल्याण मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई उपस्थित होते. गोवा स्पेशल स्कूल असोसिएशनने प्रदर्शनाचे आयोजन केले आहे. मनोरंजन संस्थेत कॅलिडोस्कोप कला प्रदर्शन आणि कला कार्यशाळा सुरू आहे. दिव्यांग आयोगाचे आयुक्त गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, सचिव तहा हाजिक आणि अन्य मान्यवरांची उपस्थिती होती.

महोत्सवात पर्पल बायोस्कोपमध्ये सहभागींना सिनेमाचा अनुभव घेता येणार आहे. यासाठी ॲक्सेसिबल मूव्ही स्क्रीनिंगची व्यवस्था करण्यात आली आहे. ३ दिवसांत प्रतिनिधींना ३ चित्रपट पाहता येतील. चित्रपटांचे ऑडिओ वर्णन असेल. मथळ्यांची व्याप्ती अधिक असेल आणि सांकेतिक भाषेतून त्यांना समजाविण्यात येईल.



केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय आणि सशक्तीकरण मंत्री डॉ. विरेंद्र कुमार यांनी प्रदर्शनाला भेट दिली.

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पर्पल फेस्त निमित्त मिरामार समुद्रकिनाऱ्यावर देशभरातून आलेल्या दिव्यांगांनी बीच फनमध्ये सहभागी होऊन आनंद लुटला. गोवा सरकारच्या समाज कल्याण संचालनालय आणि दिव्यांग आयुक्त कार्यालयतर्फे पणजीत पर्पल फेस्तचे आयोजन करण्यात आले आहे. (सर्व छाया: गणेश शेटकर)

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Living with a disability

The Purple Experience Zone at the Purple Fest will allow one to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the challenges faced by persons with disabilities

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The Purple Experience Zone at the Purple Fest will include five sections – Jagruti Mela, Inclusive Carnival, Museum of Possibilities, Purple We Care Film Festival and Antarchakshu.

gruti Mela

gruti Mela is curated by Enable dia to guide individuals towards ccessful livelihood. It provides idance for parents/guardians of ildren with disabilities on educa-n, skills training, schemes, and elihood opportunities.

anager of Enable India Kavya inivasan says, "As a parent or ardian of a child with disability, can be easy to feel like you are one in your journey. But the truth you are not alone. There are many dedicated to supporting and guiding individuals with disabilities towards sustainable livelihoods."

Inclusive Carnival

This event is designed specifically for interacting with individuals with disabilities in a fun and welcoming environment. The aim is to inspire government officials, regulatory bodies, and the general public to support the culture of inclusion for children with disabilities through these events.

The curator of Inclusive Carnival Sridhar Chari says, "The carnival is a fun, experiential pathway to understand and engage with the neuro-diverse brain, which is still a grey area for science. We are happy to share that as the next logical step, Akshadhaa is launching an assisted living facility for neuro-diverse per-

Museum of Possibilities

The space encourages interaction with the community of users, creators and innovators, and caters to all disabilities. Themed as 'Live, Work and Play,' the exhibits are not categorised for specific disabilities but look at solutions to overcome barriers we all face.

Manager of Museum of Possibilities Hethal Solanki says, "Museum of Possibilities will demonstrate a model accessible home with adapted nology for everyday access. This will be an experience zone for everyone to understand accessibility and will have universally designed products to foster independent living."

Purple We Care Film Festival

The platform offers various organisations an opportunity to use films as a tool for advocacy and sensitisation around disability issues. These films aim to educate all members of society about the importance of in-

The curator of the We Care Film Fe ival Satish Kapoor says, "We ha been hosting movie screenings f the past 12 years and are extreme pleased to be able to do the same f the Purple Fest."

Antarchakshu

Antarchakshu is a simulation wor shop that will provide a peek into t lives of individuals with disabiliti Participants will experience disab ity simulation and complete simp

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दिव्यांगांच्या रोजगारासाठी जीसीसीआयचा पुढाकार

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

पणजी : गोवा चेंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स अँड इंडस्ट्रीने (जीसीसीआय) दिव्यांग व्यक्तींसाठी रोजगार मिळावा यासाठी पर्पल फेस्ट महोत्सवासोबत भागीदारी केली आहे. कॉर्पोरेट क्षेत्रातील दिव्यांग व्यक्तींसाठी रोजगाराच्या संधी शोधणे यासाठी कामगार आणि रोजगार विभाग, राज्य अपंग व्यक्ती आयुक्त कार्यालय, सक्षम इंडियाच्या सहकार्याने पर्पल फेस्टमध्ये सरकारी आणि खाजगी क्षेत्रातील रोजगाराच्या संधींवर चर्चा करण्यासाठी पर्पल थिंक टँक सत्रांची मालिका आयोजित केली आहे.

अपंग व्यक्तींचे राज्य आयुक्त कार्यालय, सक्षम इंडिया, बंगळुरू येथे कार्यरत असलेल्या संस्थेच्या सहकार्याने अपंग व्यक्तींसाठी रोजगार आणि उपजीविका या विषयावर एक विशेष सत्र आयोजित करीत आहे. दि. ७ जानेवारी रोजी गोवा मनोरंजन संस्थेच्या मॅकेनिज पॅलेस येथे सकाळी ९ ते दुपारी ३:३० या वेळेत होणार आहे.



पत्रकार परिषदेत माहिती देताना जीसीसीआय अध्यक्ष राल्फ डिसा. सोबत गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर व इतर मान्यवर.

विशेषजनांना प्रशिक्षित करण्याचे लक्ष्य

विशेष व्यक्तींसाठी शिक्षण-प्रशिक्षण देऊन त्यांना क्रीडा, मनोरंजन, शिक्षण आदी सर्वच क्षेत्रांमध्ये रोजगारसंधी उपलब्ध करण्याचे उद्दिष्ट आहे. याच उद्देशाने विशेष व्यक्तींसाठी क्रीडा स्पर्धांचे आयोजन केले आहे. सर्वांच्याच आवडीचा खेळ म्हणून क्रिकेटकडे पाहिले जाते. त्यामुळे विशेष व्यक्तींसाठीसुद्धा सामने खेळवले गेले पाहिजेत. याच उद्देशाने व्हिक्टर वाझ यांनी क्रीडा उपक्रमाचे बीज रोवल्याचे फळदेसाई यांनी सांगितले.

क्रिकेट हाच दुवा

सर्वांना एकत्र आणायचे असेल, तर क्रिकेटशिवाय दुसरा लोकप्रिय खेळ नाही. छोटी-छोटी विशेष मुले एकत्र येऊन खेळताना-बागडताना पाहून, आनंद साजरा करताना पाहणे हा आनंद अवर्णनीय आहे. प्रत्येकाने या मुलांच्या चेहऱ्यावरील आनंद पाहावा. युनिफाइड बीच क्रिकेटच्या माध्यमातून हे होत आहे, असे पावसकर यांनी यावेळी सांगितले.

उशिरा का होईना, वेळ आली आहे : डिसा

उशिरा का होईना, वेळ आली आहे की, दिव्यांगांसाठी कॉर्पोरेट क्षेत्रात रोजगारसंधी उपलब्ध करून द्यायची. आम्ही आता विविध कंपन्यांचा वापर करून दिव्यांग व्यक्तींमधून संभाव्य कुशल कामगारांना कामावर घेण्याबाबत अत्यंत गंभीर आहोत. आपण एकत्र येऊन व्यावसायिकांसह असा समाज निर्माण करू, जिथे दिव्यांग हा नोकऱ्यांमध्ये अडथळा ठरणार नाही, असे जीसीसीआय अध्यक्ष राल्फ डिसा यांनी सांगितले.

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