

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Press Note

Prime Minister Modi distributed Aids and Assistive Devices in Samajik Adhikarita camp; Three Guineas World records created

17 September, Navsari [Gujarat],

Samajik Adhikarita camp *was* conducted today, at Navsari [Gujarat], by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with disabilities [Divyangjan], Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India organised by ALIMCO. In the camp, held at 'Sai Garba Maidan' of Navsari, assistive devices and aids were distributed to Divyangjan. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi graced the occasion as Chief Guest, whereas Hon. Governor of Gujarat Shri O P Kohli, Hon. Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Speaker of Gujarat State Assembly Shri Ramanlal Vora, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Ramdas Athwale, Shri Krishna Pal Gurjar, Shri Vijay Sampla, Hon'ble Minister of Gujarat for Social Justice and Empowerment, Women and Child Development Shri Atmaram Parmar, Hon'ble Protocol Minister of Gujarat Shri Pradip Sinh Jadeja, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shri Purushottam Rupala, Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri CR Patil, Shri Prabhubhai Vasava, Shri K C Patel and many dignitaries also attended the programme.

During the camp 3 Guinness World Records were created jointly by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) and ALIMCO. First record got broken on 17 September with Highest number of oil lamps lit simultaneously at single location. Whereas two other world record 'Most people fitted with Hearing Aid in 8 hours- Single location (600 Hearing Aid) and 'Biggest Wheelchair Logo / Image with the help of 1000 Wheelchairs got announced which make the event historical.

While addressing the large gathering during the programme Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said by creating three Guinness World Records Navsari has carved its name in golden letters. He further added that if the society is sensitive the problems could be resolved easily. As I got the opportunity to serve the Divyangjan, I feel myself fortunate.

Accessible India Campaign is also part of a chain which is making India accessible. ISLRTC established by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will lead to develop a common sign language. He appraised Indian Players won in Para-Olympic games and congratulated them.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani said that the camp held under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Divyangjan will be able to do the daily work with ease. To make the vision of the Prime Minister - 'Sabka Sath, SabkaVikas', a reality infrastructure of India is being changed under Accessible India Campaign.

Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot said that today's ADIP camp is the biggest of its type in which more than 11 thousand Divyangjan are receiving Aids and Assistive Devices. He also gave details regarding Cochlear Implant surgery and establishment of Braille Press being established by the Department. Showing his pleasure over the victory of Indian Players in Para-Olympic he said that National Sports Centres for Persons with Disabilities will be established.

In the 159 th Mega ADIP Camp, which is so far the biggest, 11330 Divyangjan beneficiaries have been benefitted. The camp which is held under the ADIP Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, is in force since 1981. This has been revised and further adopted from April, 01, 2014.

The main objective of the scheme is to provide latest and modern aids manufactured by various agencies, such as National Institutes, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India [ALIMCO], District Disability Rehabilitation Centres, State Handicapped Development Corporations, other local bodies and NGOs. These aids are being given to the Divyangjan to promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation.

Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation [ALIMCO], a 100% owned Government of India Central Public Sector- under the department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities [Divyangjan] , is a major implementing agency under the ADIP Scheme. ALIMCO has conducted need assessment camps of persons with disabilities residing in and around Navsari district with the focus to cover maximum population of PwDs, specially from remote areas, with the help of district administration. The assessment camps of Navsari district [Navsari, Jamalpur, Khergam, Vansda, Gandevi, Chikhli] were held in three phases:

[1] From 6 th to 14 th June, [2] from 19 th to 23 rd August, and [3] from 7th to 9 th September, 2016 and identified the beneficiaries.

Besides, High-end-devices aimed at imparting education, training and information technology awareness were also distributed. During this period, more than 100 beneficiaries were given certificates of training and loans by NHFDC. More than 100 beneficiaries were availed insurance policies under 'Niramaya' and other schemes of the National Trust. 20 Laptops were availed by NIMH located at Secunderabad. Below-mentioned aids and assistive devices were distributed by ALIMCO and other National Institutes:

50 Motorized Tricycles, 931 Tricycle, 1388 Wheelchairs, 1442 Crutches, 960 Walking Stick, 407 Braille Cane, 2597 TLM Kit, 64 Cerebral Palsy chair, 80 Braille Slate, 65 Braille Kit, 197 Rolletor (Adult and Child), 14 ADL Kit Leprosy, 870 Samrtphone, 443 Daisy Player for Visual Impaired people, 3568 Hearing Aid - BTE Digital Programme, 788 Low Vision Device.

A mini-film based on divyangjan, for motivation of people, was also screened. A Book named 'Challenge the Challenge' containing details of various noteworthy divyangjan was also released. The children who have been able to speak and hear because of cochlear implant surgery specially greeted the Prime Minister on his birthday.

In the programme, Secretary of Divyangjan Empowerment Department of Gal, Dr. Vinod Agrawal, Chief Secretary of Gujarat Dr. J N Singh, Joint Secretary Shree Avnish Kumar Awasthi, Officials of National Trust, various Corporations of the department, National Institutes and District Administration were also present for the event.