

REPORT OF THE MEGA DISTRIBUTION CAMP HELD AT CRC, GUWAHATI ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2015 IN THE PRESENCE OF HON'BLE UNION MINISTER SRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT , GOVT. OF INDIA.



Hon'ble Union Minister Sri Thaawar Chand Gehlot delivering inaugural speech



The people of the North East India particularly PWDs participating in the mega distribution camp mission of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India through the Department of Empowerment of PWDs.

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Composite Regional Centre, Guwahati under the Department of Empowerment of persons with disabilities, Govt. of India conducted a Mega distribution camp for persons with disabilities at its own campus in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister Sri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India. The Hon'ble Union Minister inaugurated the said Mega distribution camp and distributed aids and appliances to the needy PWDs. It was historic event for the North East people particularly the PWDs and CRC, Guwahati as almost the entire top officials of the Department of Empowerment of PWDs namely Sri Lov Verma, IAS, Secretary, Sri Awanish Kumar Awasthi, IAS, Joint Secretary and Sri C.K. khaitan, IAS, CEO of the National Trust were present at the said mega event on 12th February 2015. The Secretary in his speech said that efforts have been made to provide more qualitative services to PWDs and the provision for cochlear implant would be very much useful for the PWDs. All the departments/units of the CRC, Guwahati were inspected during the visit of Hon'ble Union Minister. Welcome address was given by Dr Mohanti, Director, SVNIRTAR and vote of thanks was given by Mr Lanu W. Aimol, OIC, CRC, Guwahati.

It was like a healing and winning heart and soul mega mission camp, Hon'ble Union Minister not only distributed aids and appliances to the needy PWDs but also announced financial package to the tune of Rs 5 crores for the Composite Regional Centre, Guwahati for having modern equipments, training, library and 2 storied building. Besides, the provision of cochlear implant will also be made available to the hearing impaired of the North East, the Hon'ble Minister said.



To the left: Hon'ble Union Minister Sri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India distributed aids and appliances to the needy PWDs.

To the right: Hon,ble Minister of State Sri Krishnan Pal Gurjar, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India distributed aids and appliances

In the afternoon Hon,ble Minister of State Sri Krishnan Pal Gurjar, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India distributed aids and appliances and wanted to have similar distribution camps in every districts in the North Eastern States. Each department/ unit of the CRC, Guwahati was inspected by the Hon'ble Minister during his visit. Sri D R Sarin, CMD, Alimco was also present in this mega distribution camp.

The total number of aids and appliances distributed is 723 and the total number beneficiaries were 423 in which 300 hearing impaired (one hearing impaired needed 2 hearing aids) were provided with 600 hearing aids, 120 teaching learning materials were distributed to 120 children with Mental Retardation and 3 locomotor PWDs were provided with wheel chairs. There are around 277 PWDs x2 = 554 aids and appliances yet to be distributed in the next phase for those PWDs who attended the said camp.

MEGA DISTRIBUTION OF AIDS AND APPLIANCES CAMP AT CRC, GUWAHATI

Total no. of PWDs attended at the Mega distribution camp.	Total no. of attendance = 1000 APPX. (PWDs +parents +Escorts of PWDs +staff+ students +volunteers+ security +media persons+ from other Institute etc.).	No. of aids and appliances distributed	No. of beneficiaries provided with aids and appliances
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277 x2=554 aids and appliances may be provided to PWDs in near future when approval is given by the competent authority.

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Composite Regional Centre for disabled to be set up in Ghy, says Union Minister NE lagging behind in schemes implementation: Gehlot

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Guwahati: Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot on Thursday said that most of the States of the Northeast, including Assam, are lagging behind other States of the country in proper implementation of the schemes launched by the Central government for the uplift of the persons with disabilities (PWDs).

"It is unfortunate that for the last many years, the northeastern region has been given a separate treatment by the central government earlier, from rest of the country, but now, the Narendra Modi-led government wants to develop the region like other parts of India," said Gehlot while addressing the media



Photo: Manash Das

here on Thursday adding, "So, in order to develop the region, a number of schemes for various sectors have already been launched by the central government in the last nine months."

"For bringing the disabled people to the main stream, a Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for the disabled will be set up in Guwahati and a Disabled Study Centre will be set up in

Mizoram University soon," he said, adding, "In NE, the number of deaf children between the age of five to six years is quite high, so we have decided to provide cochlear implant, a surgically implanted electronic device, to 100 deaf children of the region."

"Even though there is a rehabilitation centre for the disabled in Assam, but the infrastructure

of the centre needs to be improved. Central government has granted Rs 3.50 crore for construction of a double-storied building in the rehabilitation centre and Rs 50 lakh has already been granted for providing books in the centre," the minister said, adding, "An universal identity card for the disabled will be distributed and persons with more than 20 per cent disabilities will be given priority."

Gehlot attended a day-long regional conference with Social Welfare Ministers of all NE States here on Thursday where Assam CM Tarun Gogoi, who is also in charge of Social Welfare department, demanded rehabilitation centre for disabled in each district, and a deaf and dumb college in the State.

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सीआरसी के पदाधिकारी राजु इन्ड्रजु पुरोह ने कहा कि हमारे सामने बच्चों की समाज में यमान्य लोगों के साथ बढा से करम मिलान चलना सीखने की बड़ी चुनौती है, लेकिन इसे केंद्र सरकार की मदद से पूरी की जा सकती है। उन्होंने कहा कि गुवाहाटी सीआरसी सेंटर की ओर से पिछले कई वर्षों से विभिन्न प्रकार के कार्यक्रम चलता जा रहा है। इससे काफी बच्चे लाभार्थिता हो रहे हैं। केंद्रीय योजनाओं को जमीनी स्तर पर उतारने की कोशिश तेज कर दी गई है। मालूम ही कि इस मौके पर भारी संख्या में बच्चों ने सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम में हिस्सा लिया। साथ ही उनके बीच कई प्रकार की अक्षमता यमान्य विभाग किया गया। मालूम ही कि इस मौके सीआरसी के कई पदाधिकारी ने भाग लिया। (कर्म)

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Gogoi dig at Gehlot 'order' on funds use

ASTAFF REPORTER

Guwahati, Feb. 12: Assam chief minister Tarun Gogoi today asked the Centre not to "act like a master", minutes after the Union minister of social justice and empowerment, Thawar Chand Gehlot, asked the northeastern states to speed up submission of pending utilisation certificates of funds that his ministry had released.

"The northeastern states have many problems such as floods or conflicts and in some places, we can work for six months a year only. How can you expect all the utilisation certificates with so many problems? Sitting in Delhi, you cannot understand the problems of the region," said Gogoi, as soon as Gehlot, sitting on his left, said many states of the region were yet to submit the utilisation certificates, despite being asked to do so in a three-day meeting in New Delhi in August last year.

"You have to see the ground realities and deal with the problems accordingly. Some districts in my state are still troubled and the problems in other states of the region are more serious," Gogoi said.

Gehlot and the Union minister of state for social justice and empowerment, Krishan Pal Gurjar, convened a meeting of social welfare ministers of the northeastern states here today.

The two ministers took stock of the schemes meant for persons with disabilities,



Tarun Gogoi with T.C. Gehlot at Khanapara in Guwahati on Thursday. Picture by UB Photos

the aged, backward classes and those meant to control drug abuse, among others.

Admitting that persons with disabilities were not given much importance by the government, Gogoi said it was necessary to relax the norms for considering a person differently-abled.

"Those with 40 per cent disabilities are now considered for schemes meant for the disabled but we want that it should be reduced to 25 to 30 per cent. We have schools for the differently-abled but we need colleges. The universities should also start courses for them. Unless we prepare manpower to handle the issues concerning the disabled, it is difficult to address their issues," Gogoi said.

Meghalaya social welfare minister Deborah C. Marak echoed Gogoi's tough stand regarding the utilisation certificates. She demanded that the same policy regarding utilisation certificates should not be applied to all states. "There is need of a separate policy for

the northeastern states," she added.

The two ministers, who spoke in Hindi, were also taken aback when Marak said she did not understand Hindi. "You talked of so many things today but I don't understand," she said.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the conference, Gehlot said the ministry would draw an action plan to address the problems and concerns raised by the northeastern states.

"I have sanctioned Rs 5 crore to expand the composite regional centre in Guwahati, equipment and course materials needed for training purposes. Besides, this year we have decided to spend Rs 6 lakh each for 100 hearing impaired children below six years in the country in providing cochlear implants," he said.

The ministry distributed assistance materials like tricycle and ramps among 700 persons with disabilities here today.

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Disability certificate norms to be relaxed: Centre

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Feb 12 - Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaswar Chand Gehlot today said that the Centre is contemplating relaxing the criteria for obtaining disability certificate across the country.

The Union Minister said, "As per the existing rule, only a person with at least 40 per cent disability can claim or avail the benefits of the welfare schemes of the disabled. But we are contemplating to relax the norm. We also wish to introduce online delivery of such certificates."

Gehlot also said that the Centre is committed to introducing more welfare schemes for the scheduled communities of the North East.

The Union Minister also assured that additional funds would be pumped in for the region to cater to the educa-

tional and economical needs of the disabled.

Talking to mediapersons on the sidelines of the 'Conference of Ministers in Charge of Social Welfare etc., of North Eastern States, the Union Minister announced a financial package for training, hearing aids, other equipment and books for differently abled, besides fund allocation for infrastructure development of composite regional centre.

"North East is an integral part of India and the pace of development of the region should be as much as it is in the other parts of the country," he added.

Earlier, speaking at the conference, Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi advocated social justice to bring differently abled people to the mainstream of development and pitched for reducing the level of disability from the existing 40 per cent to 20 per cent.

The Chief Minister said, 'We always consider differently abled people as our assets and not liabilities. We are committed to taking schemes and policies to ensure their welfare.'

He further said that there was a need for setting up a national institute for imparting the right kind of education to the differently abled people and universities and colleges ought to incorporate courses in their curriculum for their development.

Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Krishan Pal Gurjar also shared his experience on the occasion.

State Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare Basanta Das, Minister of State for the Welfare of Backward Classes Bismita Gogoi, their counterparts from other Northeastern states and top officials of concerned departments were present at the conference.



Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Krishanpal Gurjar presenting hearing aid to students of BDS Deaf and Dumb School at CRC campus of Gauhati Medical College and Hospital on Thursday. - UB Photos