

The Punjab Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojna, 2021

Ongoing Schemes for empowerment of persons with disabilities-

1. **Free concessional travel** in government buses for blind persons and one accompanying attendant has been provided.

2. **Smart Ration Card Scheme under National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013** to withdraw food grains from Fair Price Shops through e-Pos machines.

3. **Health Insurance** under which enrollment is free for PwDs

4. **Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojna (SSBY) Punjab** under which cost of treatment is exempted up to the limit of Rs. Five Lakh (5,00,000) and PwDs will be covered on priority basis.

5. **Earning of livelihood: The primary enabler:** Under which opportunities for gainful self employment and skilled wage employment be given to persons with disabilities.

6. **Shop Keeping:** In this scheme shops and kiosks shall be allotted with preference to PwDs at bus-stands, tourist spots and educational institutions etc.

7. **Skill Development and Vocational Training:** Skill development and vocation training will be given to eligible PwDs on priority basis.

8. **Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SABLA):-** Under this scheme nutrition to the girls under age of 11 to 14 years and school drop-out girls will be provided.

9. **Free Transport Facility to Students:-** Free transport facility for education, to all children with disabilities will be provided.

10. **Hostel Facilities:** Preference shall be given to students with disabilities, belonging to minorities and OBCs in schools and colleges.

11. **Free Coaching:-** Free coaching will be provided to all PwDs candidates for competitive exams.

12. **The Ashirwad Scheme:-** Under this scheme all physically or intellectually disabled girls shall be covered, who are eligible to get Rs. 21,000 at the time of marriage.

13. **Mai Bhago Vidya Scheme:-** There shall be focus on disabled girl students from 9th to 10th class studying in Government schools. Modern tricycles shall be given to all disabled girls.

14. **Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs (CWSN):-** It has been provided that children with mild disabilities shall be admitted in regular school and special educator will provide support. Children with moderate disabilities will be admitted in regular schools and individual education plan shall be prepared. Children with severe to profound degrees of disabilities shall be provided home based education including with focus on ADL skills (Activity of Daily Living) like eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, walking and continence.

15. **Physiotherapy and Speech therapy for Children with Special Needs(CWSN)** will be given to the children with special needs.

16. **Travel and Escort Allowance:-** Travel and Escort Allowance will be provided to children with special needs who are coming to schools from far off areas.

- 17. Dr. Hargobind Khurana Scholarship Scheme for brilliant students:-** Scholarship of Rs. 2500/- per month amounting to Rs. 3000/- per year for two years shall be given to brilliant students, who have secured 80 % or higher marks in the PSEB class 10th board exams. All eligible PWDs shall be covered on priority basis.
- 18. Free Education in Residential Meritorious Schools** shall be provided to persons with disabilities on preference basis.
- 19. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Hostels Scheme (KGBV):-** In this scheme girls with disabilities shall be given preference for giving free education and health care facilities.
- 20. Upgrading of Merit of SC Students (for both Boys & Girls):-** Rs. 2500/- shall be given to SC students for enhancing academic capability, who are studying in 9th to 12th standards and preference will be given to students with disability.
- 21. Vocational Skill Training** - is imparted to children with special needs on projects like mobile repairs, stitching, tailoring, footwear making, soft toy making etc.
- 22. Provisions of Support Services** - Services are provided to children with disabilities who are suffering from various diseases. Children suffering from Cancer are given treatment from CM Cancer Relief Fund. Required medical services would be given to children with disability at Spinal Injury Centre, SAS Nagar.
- 23. Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)** - Under which all eligible PWDs shall be covered.
- 24. Social Empowerment Day** - Disabled women shall be given monetary benefits on priority basis under Ashirwad Scheme. If a disabled person marries an able bodied person, a one time incentive equal and double the amount of Ashirwad Scheme shall be given to couple.
- 25. Sports for players with Disabilities** - Under this scheme all persons with disabilities who will win medal shall be given monetary awards like other sportsmen.
- 26. Universal ID & Disability Certificates (UDID Card)** will be provided to persons with disability to avoid carrying of multiple copies of documents. Financial assistance to disabled persons is granted who are unable to earn livelihood and have less than Rs. 60,000/- annual income but persons with less than 50 % disability are not eligible. All mentally disabled persons are eligible irrespective of extent of disability.
- 27. Free Education upto Class 12th for all in the State** shall be granted and preference will be given to all children with disabilities.
- 28. Backlogs in Government Jobs** - The endeavor shall be made to clear the backlog of PWDs in Government jobs.
- 29. Children with Specific Disabilities like intellectual Disability** will be provided separate question paper which will consist of 60 % of multiple choice questions, 20 % very short questions and 20 % short answer type questions.

Part-B

The following new initiative shall be taken for empowerment of PWDs :-

- 1. Treatment on suffering disability** - Free medical treatment shall be extended to those persons from BPL, OBCs, SC families who suffered disability at any stage of

2. **Mobility Aids & Assistive Devices** like wheelchairs, tricycles, callipers, artificial limbs, crutches etc. will be provided to PWDs to enable them to lead an active life.

3. **Promoting Education** – Various schools have been upgraded and State Government has earmarked funds to the tune of Rs. 15.00 Crores for building and infrastructure for school at Ludhiana. Free mobile telephones and tablets will be given to all students with disabilities who are studying in government schools.

4. **Research and Human Resource development** - A Disability Studies Centre in Punjabi University, Patiala shall be set up to promote education and research which will function as a nodal centre.

5. **Five Days of Special Leave in a calendar Year** – Five special leaves in a calendar year will be provided to disabled employees for attending seminars and work shops on the subject of disability including leave on World Disability Day on 3rd December and on birthday of Louis Braille on 4th January every year.

6. **Free Education** – Free studies after age of 18 years shall be free for meritorious disabled students.

7. **Empowerment of disabled girl students** - The existing scheme namely “Attendance Scholarship Scheme for Rural Handicapped Girl Students” shall be extended from 10th, 11th and 12th upto post-graduation level.

8. **Recreation activities** – Annual/bi-annual competitive exams of various kind shall be organized for drawing out the creative potential of students with disability.

9. **Home Schooling Scheme for Children with Special Needs** requires attention due to COVID 19. Thus department of school education shall design a special Homeschooling scheme for children with special needs in consultation with experts.

10. **State Award for Outstanding Work Done by Teachers with Disability** – The department of School Education shall reserve two State Teacher Awards for teachers with disabilities for primary and secondary level teachers.

11. **Participation in Local Government** : Representative shall be introduced for persons with disability where number of allotted and nominated members in the institution is 10th or more.

12. **Service Provider Scheme**- In this scheme licenses shall be given to eligible PWDs for making entries regarding payment of online electricity bills, LIC Premium etc.

13. **Survey and Database Creation at District Level** - Database incorporating different types of disabilities shall be created to help in identifying the target population under various schemes of government.

14. **Financing**. From the year 2021-22, an additional annual allocation of Rs. 30 Crore, including Rs. 5 Crores for IEC activities will be made for new interventions.

Various committees and Consultative Group of Ministers will be created so as to implement the various schemes under the Yojna.

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