



NOTE ON DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES



DEPT. FOR WELFARE OF DISABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS
GOVT. OF TELANGANA

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WELFARE OF DISABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS DEPARTMENT

The Disabled Welfare Department was established in 1983 for all-round development of persons with disabilities by improving their socio-economic and educational standards, and facilitating necessary assistance to senior citizens. Person with disability means a person suffering from not less than forty per cent of any disability as certified by a medical authority.

Further State Government has established Senior Citizens Department for the welfare of senior citizens and attached the subject to Disabled Welfare Department in the year 2002 and nominated the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare as State Level Nodal Officer for implementation of National Policy of Older persons in the State.

In consequent to bifurcation of erstwhile state of A.P., Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens Department was continued for Telangana State w.e.f. 02.06.2014.

Objective

- ✓ Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, National Trust Act, 1999 & Senior Citizens Act, 2007
- ✓ Provide access to Education, Employment, Rehabilitation and Social Security for mainstreaming the persons with disabilities
- ✓ Multi-Sectoral coordination with various Government departments for implementation of various schemes meant for persons with disabilities and senior citizens

Functions

- ✓ To implement educational programmes through Residential Schools & hostels and sanctioning of scholarships
- ✓ To ameliorate the economic and social status of PwDs by providing loans
- ✓ To provide Incentive Awards to encourage marriages between disabled and normal persons for social integration
- ✓ Establishment of Old Age Homes, Tribunals & District Committees for the Welfare of Senior Citizens

Demographic Profile of Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens in Telangana State

As per census 2011, the total population of Telangana State is 3,52,86,757 in which disabled population is 10,46,822 and Senior Citizen population is 32,69,579. The details are as follows.

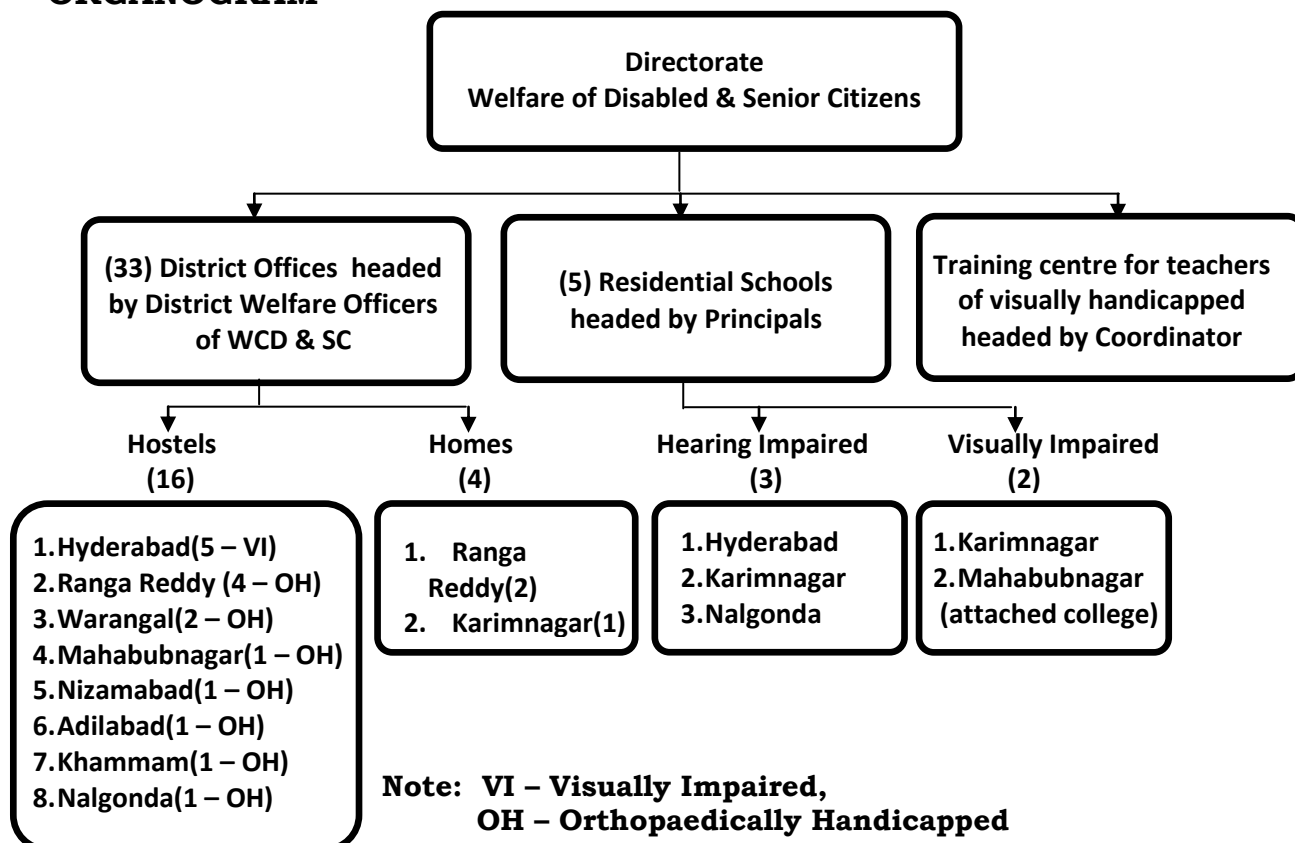
Population details of Persons with Disabilities

Sl.No	Disability	Men	Women	Total
1	Seeing	98289	96688	194977
2	Hearing	85288	82591	167879
3	Speech	53541	42269	95810
4	Movement	137400	88752	226152
5	Mental Retardation	28993	25765	54758
6	Mental Illness	9766	8859	18625
7	Multiple Disability	39629	34745	74374
8	Other	112507	101740	214247
Total		565413	481409	1046822

Population details of Senior Citizen

Sl.No	Rural/Urban	Men	Women	Total
1	Rural	1094087	1234284	2328371
2	Urban	459860	481348	941208
Total		1553947	1715632	3269579

ORGANOGRAM



KEY STATISTICS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Hostels/Homes

✓ Total no. of Hostels/Homes	:	20
✓ Hostels/Homes for visually challenged	:	06
✓ Hostels/Homes for locomotor disability	:	14
✓ Sanctioned Strength	:	2258
✓ Existing Strength	:	1912
✓ Hostels/Homes in Govt./Rent free buildings	:	07
✓ Hostels/Homes in rented buildings	:	13

Residential Schools

✓ Total no. of Schools	:	5
✓ Schools for Visually Impaired	:	2
✓ Schools for Hearing Impaired	:	3
✓ Sanctioned Strength	:	830
✓ Existing Strength	:	537
✓ Schools in Govt. Buildings	:	4
✓ Schools in Rented Buildings	:	1

Training centre for Teachers of Visually Handicapped (TCTVH)

✓ Sanctioned Strength	:	25
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A.SCHEMES & PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

1. EDUCATION

(i) Pre-Matric Scholarships from I to X Classes:

Objective

To provide financial assistance to the disabled students studying pre-matric Courses i.e., from Class I to X in Government or Govt. recognized schools to enable them to complete their education.

Further Intellectually Disabled children who are admitted into specialized schools run by Non-Governmental Organizations which do not get Grant-in-aid from Govt. of India and whose parent's / guardian's income is less than Rs.1,00,000/- per annum are being sanctioned scholarship @ Rs.1,000/- per annum.

Services Delivered

- ✓ Scholarships are sanctioned @ Rs.70/- for I to V class students, @ Rs.100/- for VI to VIII class students & Rs.182/- for IX to X class students per month
- ✓ Travelling allowance @ Rs.50/- & Rs.25/- for maintenance of prosthetic aids for OH students to I to X class students
- ✓ Reader allowance @ Rs.25/- to I to VIII class students and @ Rs.50/- to IX to X class visually impaired students

Eligibility

- ✓ Disabled students belonging to Telangana State who are pursuing Pre-Matric Courses in Government and Govt. recognised Institutions in Telangana.
- ✓ Annual income of parent/guardian is below Rs.1,00,000/- per annum.

(ii) Post-Matric Scholarships for students studying Intermediate & above courses:

Objective

To provide financial assistance to the "OC" disabled students studying intermediate and above courses to enable them to complete their education.

Students with disabilities belonging to the categories of SC, ST, B.C, Minorities are being sanctioned and paid through the Social Welfare, B.C.Welfare, Tribal Welfare and Minorities Welfare Departments.

Services Delivered

Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF)

Reimbursement of Tuition Fees (RTF) & special Fees is sanctioned to all the eligible differently abled students and reimbursed to the institutions concerned based on the existing fee structure for various courses prescribed by Government/ University.

Maintenance of Tuition Fee (MTF) :

The following are the rates of scholarships given to the students per academic year for their maintenance.

Course	Amount sanctioned
Intermediate	Rs.5000/- per academic year
Degree	Rs.5000/- per academic year
Post Graduation	Rs.6500/- per academic year
Professional Courses	Rs.6500/- per academic year

Eligibility

- ✓ OC differently abled students studying Post-matric Courses in Government and University Colleges/Institutions and Category "A" only (Convenor Quota) of Private Colleges shall be eligible for scholarship/reimbursement of fees.
- ✓ Annual income of parent/guardian is below Rs.1,00,000/- per annum

(iii) Residential Schools for Visually Impaired & Hearing Impaired

Five Residential Schools are functioning under the control of this department to cater special educational and other needs of VI and HI children with a sanctioned strength of 830 students.

- ✓ Schools for Visually Impaired : 2
- ✓ Schools for Hearing Impaired : 3
- ✓ Sanctioned Strength : 830
- ✓ Strength during 2018-19 : 537
- ✓ Schools in Govt. Buildings : 4
- ✓ Schools in Rented Buildings : 1

Facilities

- ✓ Advanced Teaching & Learning materials
- ✓ Computers (with JAWS Software to Visually Impaired) and Tablets have been provided in the Residential Schools to provide quality education to the visually impaired and hearing impaired students
- ✓ Vocational training to instil confidence among students for future independent and dignified livelihood.

iv) Homes & Hostels

20 Homes & Hostels are being maintained by the Department for providing shelter to the persons with disabilities & Senior Citizens with a sanctioned strength of 2258.

✓ Hostels for Boys/Men	:	12
✓ Hostels for Girls/Women	:	4
Total No. of Hostels	:	16
✓ Homes for Men	:	2
✓ Homes for Women	:	1
✓ Home for Men & Women	:	1
Total No. of Homes	:	4

Strength

✓ Sanctioned Strength in Hostels	:	1738
✓ Present Strength in Hostels	:	1364
✓ Sanctioned Strength in Homes	:	520
✓ Present Strength in Hostels	:	518

Infrastructure

✓ Hostels in Govt. buildings	:	5
✓ Hostels in rented buildings	:	11
✓ Homes in Govt. buildings	:	2
✓ Homes in rented buildings	:	2

Facilities

- ✓ Free boarding and lodging
- ✓ Two pairs of dresses per annum & One set of bedding material every two years
- ✓ Supply of Note books
- ✓ Trunk Box for every two years and one plate & glass every year
- ✓ Cosmetic charges of Rs.50/- per month for boys & Rs.75/- per month for Girls and Hair cut charges @Rs. 12/- per month for boys

2. EMPLOYMENT

(i) Government

Four percentage of the total number of vacancies in the cadre strength of each category of posts in case of Direct Recruitment in all Government establishments is reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities of which one percent each is reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities

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| (a) Blindness and low vision | - | 1% |
| (b) Deaf and hard of hearing; | - | 1% |
| (c) Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy; | } | 1% |
| (d) Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness; | } | 1% |
| (e) Multiple disabilities from amongst 1% persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness; | | |

Government launched a special recruitment drive for filling up of the backlog vacancies reserved for persons with disabilities in various Government Departments and Government Bodies in 2001 and the period of recruitment has been extended from time to time and lastly extended upto 31.03.2020.

In order to ensure strict implementation of reservation policy for PwDs in the offices of all the Heads of the Departments /Establishments, a Task Force Committee has been constituted.

(ii) Self Employment - Economic Rehabilitation Scheme

Objective

To provide livelihood opportunities to the Persons with Disabilities and to enhance their income by setting up of Self employment projects and thereby to enable them to lead normal life in the society

Services Delivered

- ✓ 80% for unit cost up to Rs.1.00 lakh and balance amount as bank loan
- ✓ 70% for unit cost above Rs.1.01 lakh and upto Rs.2.00 lakh and balance amount as bank loan

- ✓ 60% limited to 5.00 lakhs for unit cost from 2.01 lakh up to 10.00 lakh and balance amount as bank loan

Eligibility

- ✓ Any person between 21 and 55 years of age with not less than 40% disability.
- ✓ The family annual income should not exceed Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum
- ✓ The person should not have availed subsidy previously from Disabled Welfare Department or any other department or any government agency

3. SOCIAL SECURITY - MARRIAGE INCENTIVE AWARDS

Objective

To mainstream the Persons with Disabilities in the society and enable them to lead a normal life and also to encourage the normal person to marry the person with disability.

Services delivered

Cash incentive award of Rs.1,00,000/- is given to either of the spouse with disability if a normal person marries a Person with Disability.

Eligibility

- ✓ Either of spouse should have not availed the incentive award under this scheme earlier.
- ✓ The bridegroom and the bride must have completed 21 years and 18years of age respectively at the time of the marriage.

4. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

To develop manpower of primary level trained teacher to teach visually handicapped, Training Centre for Teachers of Visually Handicapped (TCTVH) is established and functioning in Hyderabad under joint auspices of National Institute for Visually Handicapped, Dehradun, Govt. of India and Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens Department. Every year 25 students are trained in D.Ed(VI) Course.

TELANGANA VIKALANGULA CO-OPERATIVE CORPORATION(TVCC)

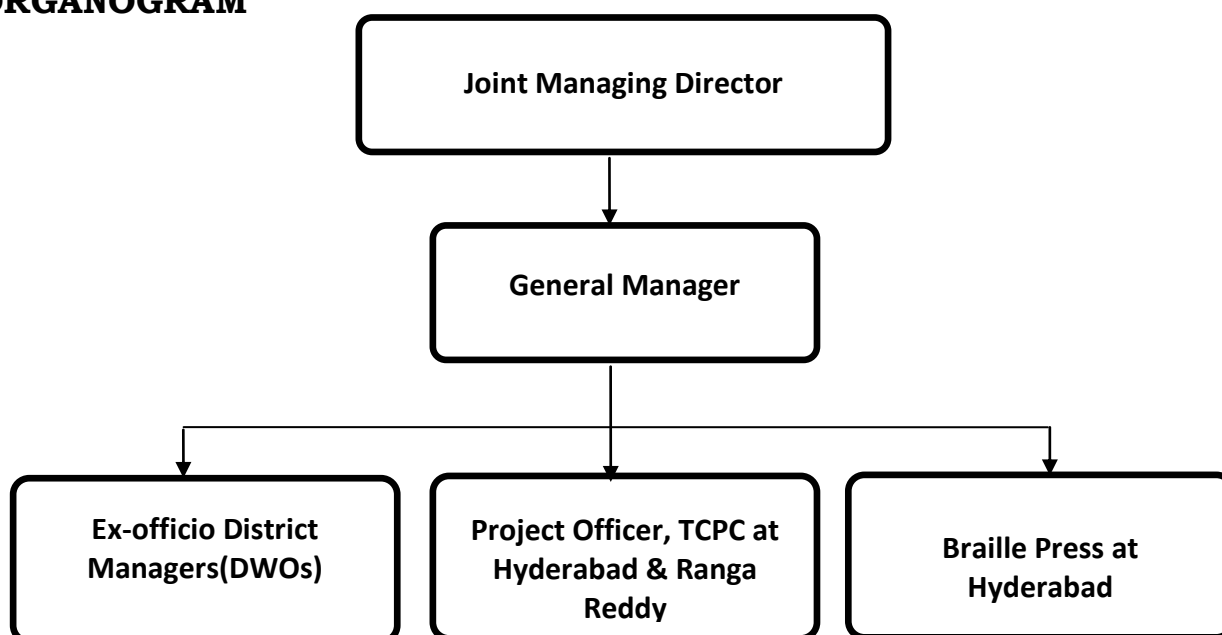
In the year 1981, the Government has established a Finance Corporation for the welfare of disabled persons as “The A.P. Handicapped Persons Welfare Cooperative Finance Corporation” through G.O.Ms.No.35, Social Welfare (G1) Dept, dated. 23-03-1981. Later the name of Corporation was changed as A.P. Vikalangula Cooperative Corporation in the year 1984.

As per the A.P.Reorganization Act-2014 and upon instructions, two independent entities for state of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have been created. The Telangana Viklangula Cooperative Corporation is started functioning from 02-06-2014. The demerger of the Corporation is yet to be completed.

Objectives of the Corporation:

- To formulate, provide and implement schemes for rehabilitation and improving living conditions of the handicapped persons.
- To establish and develop facilities such as sheltered workshops, to train persons with disabilities for meaningful employment.
- To establish units for the manufacture of Artificial Limbs, Calliper's and Prosthetic Aids.
- To supply Educational Aids like Laptops, MP3 Players & Braille Books to help disabled join the mainstream

ORGANOGRAM



C.IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES/ PROGRAMMES FOR PwDS BY TVCC

i) Supply of Aids & Appliances by the Corporation

The Corporation is providing following Prosthetic, Mobility & Educational Aids at free of cost to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) for improving their quality of life in terms of mobility, communication, education, rehabilitation and for performing their daily activities.

Prosthetic Aids		Mobility Aids		Educational Aids
OH	HH	OH	VH	VH
Calipers	Hearing Aids (BTE)	Tricycles	Walking Sticks	Laptops
		Wheel Chairs		MP3 Players
Artificial Limbs		Crutches	Smart Canes	Braille Text Books
Motorized Vehicles		Braille Appliances (Kits)		

ii) Braille Press, Hyderabad

- ✓ Braille Text books are printed in Braille Press and supplied free of cost to the visually challenged children studying in Govt. and Govt. recognized schools
- ✓ EPIC(voter card), bilingual (English and Telugu) informative brouchers on “HOW TO VOTE”, Voter slips, Ballot Papers, were Printed in Braille to facilitate Visually Challenged Voters in state Assembly elections 2018 and Lok Sabha Elections.

(iii) Training Cum Production Centers(TCPC)

TCPCs are established by the Corporation for undertaking manufacturing & supply of tricycles, Mobile Trade-Tricycles, Crutches, Wheel Chairs etc. in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts of Telangana.

(iv) Training Programmes

- ✓ The Corporation is imparting training in Job Access With Speech(JAWS) Software to Visually Challenged Students. JAWS is the world's most popular screen reader, developed for computer users whose vision loss prevents them from seeing screen content or navigating with a mouse. JAWS provides speech and Braille output for the most popular computer applications on PC. The Visually Challenged persons will be able to navigate the Internet, write a document, read an email.
- ✓ Coaching in competitive examinations viz., TET, DSC, RRB, JCJ etc to PwDs through reputed institutes. The payment will be made to the coaching institutes where the candidates are taking coaching under the Scheme of Special Coaching. The cost for special coaching is from Rs.12,000/- to 20,000/-.

(v) Artificial Limb manufacturing/Caliper Centers

The following Units are undertaking fabrication & fitment of Calipers, Artificial Limbs located at District Head Quarter Hospitals in Telangana.

- MGM, Hospital, Warangal
- District Govt. Hospital, Nalgonda
- District Govt. Hospital, Mahabubnagar
- Gandhi Hospital, Hyderabad
- NIMS Hospital, Hyderabad

AWARDS

(i) National Award for Best State in promoting Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities - 2018



Telangana State is adjudged as Best State for promoting empowerment of Persons with disabilities 2018 for promoting physical, psychological, social, educational & economic rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in the state by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and is conferred from the hands of his Excellency Hon'ble Vice President of India at New Delhi on 3rd December, 2018 on the occasion of International Day for Persons with Disabilities



(ii) National Award for Best State in providing all accessible facilities to PwDs & Senior Citizens in State Legislative Assembly Elections 2018



The Director, WD & SC was appointed as State Nodal Officer for PwDs for effective implementation of accessible components in State Assembly Elections 2018. Various measures have been initiated by the State election machinery in coordination with this Department, true to the spirit of the ECI election motto, “No Voter to be left behind” and “Accessible Elections” for facilitating active participation of PwDs in the electoral process.

Recognizing the outstanding work done, ECI adjudged Telangana State as Best State for providing all Accessible facilities to Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens Voters in recently held State Legislative Assembly Elections 2018. The award is conferred to the Director from his Excellency Hon'ble President of India at National level Function at New Delhi on 25.01.2019 the occasion of National Voters Day

