

COMPOSITE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Bhopal is a service initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India with the aim of creating resources and infrastructure required for developing services for persons with disabilities in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. It became functional on 14 August 2000 and is functioning under the administrative control of Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai

This Centre functions to meet the following objectives:

- **Generating awareness** - Pamphlets, brochures, booklets, publications, print media material and electronic media programmes, exhibitions, grass root workers and officers' training programmes, talks with schools/ colleges students, conducted group visits to the Centre, and miscellaneous programmes.
- **Building links with government organizations** - Government of India, Ministry of Labour; Madhya Pradesh Government, Department Health, Education, Panchayat & Samajik Nyaya; Chhattisgarh Government, Department of Panchayat & Samaj Kalyan, District Administrations; Rehabilitation Council of India, Indira Gandhi National Open University, M.P. Bhoj (Open) University, and Barkarullah University.
- **Providing support to NGOs and parents' groups** - Outreach identification & distribution camps, programme development, assessment of beneficiaries, self-help groups, capacity building, parents' organizations, legal guardianship issues, barrier free access consultations.
- **Human resources development** - Long term training courses approved by Rehabilitation Council of India, short term training programmes and CREs for professionals/personnel and parents' training, internship and students placements, faculty exchange, and training of mobile resource teachers of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- **Services for persons with disabilities** - Comprehensive diagnostic assessment, therapeutic, educational and vocational services to persons with all disabilities by a team of physical medicine rehabilitation specialist, clinical psychologist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, prosthetic & orthotic engineer, audiologist, speech & language pathologist, special educator, and orientation & mobility instructor, besides parent guidance and counseling, designing, fabricating, and distributing assistive devices.
- **Enhancing special education & vocational training** - School readiness training for children with locomotor disability, hearing impairment, blindness, mental retardation, autism, remedial education programmes for children with low vision, and dyslexia, referral for vocational training & guidance.
- **Research & Development** - Long-term research project, short researches, innovative appliances, product appraisal, printed material, CDs of training material.