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Information Brochure

**FREE COACHING SCHEME FOR
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES– 2023**

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR FREE COACHING SCHEME FOR
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Sl. No.	Activity	Important dates
1.	Starting of online publication of Application forms	25.11.2023
2.	Closing date for receive Application form through online only	05.12.2023
3.	Declaration of Result (Tentative)	11.12.2023
4.	Certificate verification cum Counseling	18.12.2023
5.	Session begins	19.12.2023

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Disability is defined as a lack of ability to perform an activity in the manner considered normal for a human being. It is estimated that 5% population (approx) suffer from one or other form of disability. Malnutrition, lack of hygiene, inadequate/delay in medical services, infectious diseases, accidents, etc. may cause impairment leading to disability. For rehabilitation of such persons, the appropriate services need to be widely available.

The disability has been broadly grouped as:

- i) Locomotor disability
- ii) Hearing impairment
- iii) Mental retardation & mental illness.
- iv) Blindness or low vision.

The Government, NGOs and civil society institutions have been providing services to the persons with disabilities since long, but these efforts have gained momentum since 1970's when the decade was marked by a new approach to disability with the concept of "Rights for Disabled Persons". The United Nations took the lead and issued declarations relating to Rights to the Disabled Persons (1975). The decade 1983-92 was declared as the "Decade of the Disabled Persons". This was followed by the "Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons" (1993-2002). The standard rules for the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities were adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1993.

Since 1970, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India has established several Institutions to train professionals/manpower in the field of rehabilitation. There are four National Institutes viz. National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD) at Kolkata, AYJ National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities at Mumbai, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities at Dehradun, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities at Secunderabad and two apex Institutes, viz., Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research at Cuttack and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities at New Delhi.

These Institutes are conducting training programs at Degree and Postgraduate level in their respective disciplines. The Institutes also carry out research; develop models of rehabilitation services, manpower development, and clinical & therapeutic services. They also have extensive outreach programs so that services are available in a decentralized manner. Over the years, the Institutes have trained thousands of professionals who are working all over the Country and abroad. In addition to the above, the Ministry has also established Composite Regional Centres, District Disability Rehabilitation Centres, supporting to voluntary action programs and National Program of Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities under state sector scheme. For further information website: <http://www.socialjustice.nic.in> may be visited.

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Education plays a pivotal role in socio-economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Recognizing its crucial role, the Directive Principles of State Policy in the Constitution of India and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 have underlined the role of the State in realization of the Right to Education for Persons with Disabilities.

Section 31 (i) of the rights of persons with disabilities act, 2016 (rpwd) states that “notwithstanding anything contained in the rights of children to free and compulsory education act, 2009, every child with benchmark disability between the age of six to eighteen years shall have the right to free education in a neighborhood school, or in a special school, of his choice”.

Further, Section 32 (2) of the RPwD Act states that the appropriate Government and local authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disability has access to free education in an appropriate environment till he attains the age of eighteen years.

The guidelines in respect of first five components of the umbrella scheme as mentioned above are being brought out separately and guidelines in respect of free coaching component of umbrella scheme are delineated as under.

OBJECTIVE

To provide coaching facilities to students with benchmark disabilities (having a minimum of 40% disability) to enable them to appear in competitive examinations for government jobs and seek admission to various professional and technical courses.

2. THE INSTITUTE:-

SVNIRTAR was established as an autonomous body under DEPwDs (DIVYANGJAN), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India in early eighties with the following aims and objectives.

- Human resource development in the field of rehabilitation.
- Developing model service delivery system for people with disability.
- Undertaking research and development in the field of rehabilitation.
- Undertaking Clinical and therapeutic services.
- Undertaking extension & outreach programs.

SVNIRTAR is located at Olatpur, PO-Bairoi, in the District of Cuttack, Odisha 30 kms from Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. It has well-developed departments in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Prosthetics and Orthotics. It has 200 bedded hospital where surgeries are performed for correction of deformities, contractures, clubfoot and Hansen's disease and has made a name for itself in limb lengthening surgeries through Illizarov method. The Institution is strong in research and has a fair amount of published work. The faculties are of National and International repute.

The Institute conducts Bachelors Degree Programs in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Prosthetics & Orthotics, Audiology & Speech Language Pathology and Master degree courses in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Prosthetics & Orthotics. It has accreditation for DNB in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of National Board of Examination (NBE), New Delhi. It provides total rehabilitation service for the Persons with Locomotors Disabilities and also conducts Rehabilitation Camps in rural and interior areas of the country. For more information please browse <https://www.svnirtar.nic.in>

3. SEATS AVAILABLE: 25

4. RESERVATION:

There will be 30% reservation for the female students. In case adequate number of female candidates are not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the scheme, the unutilized slots will be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates.

Note: Online coaching shall not be supported under the scheme

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND OTHER CONDITIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- (i) The scheme is only for Indian nationals.
- (ii) The scheme are open to students with benchmark disability i.e. 40% or more disability as defined in 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and having a valid certificate of disability issued by the competent authority as prescribed under Rules .
- (iii) Aadhar Number or Aadhar Enrolment number would be mandatory and aadhaar based bio-metric authentication of the candidates may also be done.
- (iv) Unique Disability ID (UDID) number or UDID Enrolment number with disability certificate is mandatory.
- (v) Not more than two children with disabilities of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. In case the second child is a twin, the benefits under the schemes will be admissible to the twin.
- (vi) Benefits under the Scheme can be availed by a particular student not more than once, irrespective of the number of chances he/she may be entitled to take in a particular competitive examination and irrespective of the number of stages in the exam.
- (vii) Only students with benchmark disability, having total family income from all sources of Rs. 8.00 lakh or less per annum will be eligible for benefits under the Scheme.
- (viii) Income Certificate: Income declaration of self-employed parents/guardian should be in the form of a certificate issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar/ Naib Tehsildar. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer and submit consolidated obtain income certificate from Revenue Officer including any other additional source of income.
- (ix) For the competitive exams for which the qualifying exam is class XII, benefits under the scheme will be available to a candidate only if the candidate has passed class xii or is studying in class xii as on date of receiving the benefits under the scheme. Student will be required to declare the marks obtained by him/her in class x in the application form which shall be reckoned for the purpose of evaluating his/her eligibility. Students having less than 50% marks in their class x exam, shall not be considered under the scheme.

(x) Further, in case of competitive exams for which the qualifying exam is at bachelor level, only students/candidates having completed the bachelor level course or studying in the final year of the bachelor degree course at the time of receiving the benefits under the scheme shall be eligible. Student will be required to declare the marks obtained by him/her in higher secondary examination which shall be reckoned for the purpose of evaluating his/her eligibility. Students having less than 50% marks in their class XII exam, shall not be considered under the scheme.

(xi) The candidate shall be precluded from availing benefits under any other coaching scheme of the Centre or State government and will be required to provide a declaration to this effect.

6. PROCESS OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES:

PRESCRIBED COURSES FEE AND STIPEND

i. Prescribed course fee and duration of the courses under Free Coaching scheme are as under:

Sl.No.	Coaching Course	Maximum Course Fee in Rupees	Total	Minimum *maximum duration of course in months
1.	JEE/NEET	75,000/-		9 - 12 months

*A minimum physical coaching of 16 hours per week for the above courses.

ii. Stipend and Other Allowances to be paid to the candidates:

- a. Stipend/ Maintenance allowance : Rs. 4000/- per month
- b. Disability Allowances : Rs.2000/- per month
- c. Book Allowance: Rs. 5000 per course (One Time)

7. MODE OF DISBURSEMENT OF STIPEND AND FEE:-

- i. Coaching fee, Stipend and other admissible allowances shall be released through DBT mode in the candidate's Aadhar enabled bank accounts in two installments of 50% each of the admissible amount. The first installment shall be released immediately at commencement of course and the second installment will be released after conclusion of more than 75% of the course duration. Book allowance will be paid in full as part of 1st installment.
- ii. On receiving the coaching fee, the students will be required to remit or pay the portion of the institution fee immediately, not exceeding 15 days, to the SVNIRTAR where they are getting coaching.

8. PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING:

- i. SVNIRTAR will review of the performance of the selected candidates availing the benefits of the scheme based on the information obtained from the candidates about their success or otherwise in the competitive exams.
- ii. In order to ensure proper accountability, physical verification of at least 10% of the institutes/Students chosen randomly through an algorithm shall be done by the Department.

9. FURNISHING OF FALSE INFORMATION

If any candidate has furnished any false information/document which is established on verification, he/she will be liable for criminal proceedings and action will be initiated for recovery of the amount released, with 15% compound interest thereon. Such candidate will also be black listed for any future benefits under the Government Schemes.
