

**Deendayal Disabled
Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) – Encouraging Voluntary
Action for Persons with Disabilities**

Funding:

The scheme is funded by the Central Government.

Eligibility Criteria:

The following categories of organizations are eligible to apply for financial assistance under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation

Scheme:

Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act XXI of 1860) or other relevant State/Union Territory laws.

Trusts registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, or any other equivalent legislation in force at the time.

Non-profit organizations registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, or any equivalent legislation in force.

Benefits Provided:

Eligible organizations implementing programs under this scheme will receive up to 90% of the total project cost from the government. The remaining 10% of the cost must be borne by the implementing organization from its own resources.

For projects located in remote and underserved areas, 100% of the cost will be covered.

Financial Assistance Disbursement Process:

In a financial year, financial assistance will be disbursed in the

Following manner:

50% of the eligible grant will be released after the implementing organization submits audited financial statements for the preceding year.

The remaining amount will be provided after the organization submits complete audited financial accounts for the full financial year.

Alternatively, if the organization submits audited accounts for nine months, 75% of the grant may be disbursed. The rest will be given after submitting full financial year accounts.

If the organization submits the next financial year's audited accounts, covering all expenditures made, 100% of the eligible grant will be released.

Type of Scheme:

Welfare Scheme

Application Process:

More details about the application process can be found on the official website.

Click here to register and apply for the scheme.

Guidelines of the Scheme:

For further details, click

here <https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>.

Beneficiaries: Organizations registered under:

Societies Registration Act, 1860 or equivalent laws of State/Union Territories. Indian Trusts Act, 1882, or any equivalent legislation.

Companies Act, 2013 (Section 8), or any equivalent law applicable at that time for non-profit organizations.

District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) Funding and Benefits Provided by the Central Government

The funding for District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) is provided under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS). Until a dedicated e-grant platform is made available for the centers, offline applications will be accepted.

Grant Details

The grants for DDRCs will be provided under the DDRS scheme on a reimbursement basis.

Key Features of DDRCs:

Establishment of DDRCs

The scheme aims to establish and maintain such centers in every district across India.

These centers provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to disabled individuals under one roof.

Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services

DDRCs offer specialized services catering to individuals with different disabilities.

Services include medical treatment, therapy sessions, counseling, assistive devices, skill development programs, and educational support.

Early Identification and Treatment

DDRCs play a crucial role in the early detection and intervention of disabilities in children.

Proper diagnosis and early treatment ensure better outcomes for disabled children.

Specialized Professional Team

DDRCs employ a team of trained professionals, including doctors, therapists, special educators, vocational trainers, and nurses.

These professionals work together to design customized rehabilitation plans for disabled individuals.

Awareness and Sensitization Programs

DDRCs conduct awareness campaigns to educate society about disabilities and promote social acceptance and inclusion.

Collaboration and Networking

DDRCs collaborate with government and non-governmental organizations to enhance service delivery and maximize the use of available resources for disabled individuals.

Scheme Type:

Welfare Scheme

Implementation Process

For New Proposals

A new DDRC proposal must be submitted by the District Collector/ Magistrate along with a recommendation from the State Government.

A verification committee will assess all proposals.

After approval, 50% of the estimated project cost will be disbursed as an advance grant.

The first installment will be 25%, followed by 25% after submitting 75% utilization certificates and necessary documents.

The remaining balance grant will be released after submission of audited accounts and utilization certificates.

For Ongoing Proposals

The DDRC must submit a proposal through the District Collector/Magistrate for the continuation of funds.

75% of the required expenditure will be provided as an advance grant as per scheme guidelines. The first installment will be 25%, followed by 25% after submitting 75% utilization certificates and necessary documents. The remaining balance grant will be released after government approval, submission of audited accounts, and utilization certificates.

Guiding Principles of the Scheme

For more details, [click here](#).

Eligible Beneficiaries

The implementing agency is preferably the District Management Team (DMT), which will operate the center.

Alternatively, autonomous or semi-autonomous institutions of the State Government or a reputed non-governmental organization (NGO) with a proven track record can be considered.

The District Management Team will invite proposals from registered NGOs and select the most qualified organization. States may also consider establishing a state-level organization or society with district branches to implement the scheme efficiently.

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Scheme for Implementation on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

Objective

The central government provides financial assistance to implementing organizations for the following activities:

Creating Barrier-Free Environment

Developing infrastructure accessible to persons with disabilities in schools, colleges, educational and training institutions, offices, public buildings, entertainment centers, healthcare centers, and hospitals.

This includes ramps, handrails, lifts, wheelchair-accessible toilets, Braille signage, auditory signals, tactile flooring, slopes on footpaths, zebra crossings with tactile markings, railway platform markings, and appropriate disability signage.

Accessible Websites

Making government websites at central, state, and district levels accessible as per the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances guidelines.

Skill Development Programs for Persons with Disabilities

Improving Ecosystem Accessibility

The "Accessible India Campaign" aims to enhance accessibility in public infrastructure, transport, and communication systems, ensuring equal opportunities and independent living for persons with disabilities.

Support for Rehabilitation Centers

Financial assistance for existing and new rehabilitation centers at the district and state levels, including regional centers and composite rehabilitation centers.

Issuance of Disability Certificates

Providing assistance to state governments for organizing camps to issue disability certificates.

Awareness Campaigns

Conducting awareness programs, sensitization activities, and providing information, education, and communication materials.

Resource Centers

Setting up resource centers for information dissemination, counseling, and support services.

Library Accessibility

Enhancing the accessibility of physical and digital libraries and other knowledge resources.

Research and Development

Promoting research and development initiatives in the field of disability rehabilitation.

Early Childhood Training

Encouraging pre-school training for children with disabilities, counseling for parents, caregiver training, teacher training programs, and early diagnosis and treatment for children aged 0-5 years.

Diagnostic and Treatment Centers

Establishing diagnostic and treatment centers in district headquarters and medical colleges to assist children with hearing impairment in developing necessary skills for mainstream education.

Infrastructure for State Disability Offices

Providing grants to state governments and union territories for the construction of infrastructure for state disability offices.

Recreational Centers

Supporting the construction of dedicated recreational centers for persons with disabilities.

Promotion of Sports Encouraging sports activities at national and state levels for persons with disabilities.

Issuance of Disability Identity Cards and Surveys

Other Programs

Providing financial assistance for additional activities mentioned under the Act that are not covered under existing schemes of the department.

Type of Scheme

Welfare Scheme

Guidelines for Implementation

For more details, click here

<https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>

Beneficiaries

The scheme is implemented through the following agencies:

State Governments/Union Territories

Autonomous Bodies

Public Sector Enterprises

Statutory Bodies established by the Central or State Governments

National Institutes

Regional Centers

District Disability Rehabilitation Centers

Outreach Centers under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860

Trusts registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882

Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956

Recognized sports organizations approved by the central or state government.

Benefits

As mentioned above.

How to Apply

Eligible organizations seeking financial assistance under this scheme must submit a detailed proposal to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi. The proposal must include:

A detailed description of the proposed activity

Scope and target beneficiaries

Total estimated cost

Implementation timeline

Approval from the head of the organization

Details of previously completed projects under this scheme

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**Financial Assistance Scheme for the Purchase and
Installation of Aids and Appliances for Persons with
Disabilities.**

Funding

- Provided by the Central Government
- **Eligibility Criteria for Implementing Institutions**

The following institutions are eligible to implement this scheme under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment:

- Institutions registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, including separately registered branches, if any.
 - Registered charitable trusts.
 - Indian Red Cross Society and other autonomous institutions headed by a district collector/chief executive officer/district social welfare officer.
 - National and regional institutions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment / Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, including national apex institutions, regional centers, district disability rehabilitation centers, national trusts, and ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India).
 - National/State-level corporations for the welfare of persons with disabilities.
 - Local bodies such as Zilla Parishads, Municipal Corporations, District Autonomous Development Councils, and Panchayats.
 - State/Central Government-recommended and registered hospitals.
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- Nehru Yuva Kendra.

- Other institutions deemed suitable by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.
- Organizations involved in commercial production and sale of aids and assistive devices are not eligible for grants under this scheme.

Priority will be given to new implementing institutions that:

- Employ professionally qualified staff (recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India) for assessment, selection, fitting, and maintenance of aids and appliances.
- Have necessary infrastructure, machinery, and ISI/ISO-certified equipment for manufacturing, fitting, and servicing of aids and appliances.

Eligibility Criteria for Beneficiaries

- Any Indian citizen is eligible.
- Must have a disability certificate indicating at least 40% disability.
- Monthly income from all sources should not exceed ₹30,000.
- For dependents, the parent/guardian's monthly income should not exceed ₹30,000.
- Should not have received similar assistance in the last three years. (For children under 12 years, this period is reduced to one year.)

Benefits Provided

The scheme includes surgical corrections and interventions before the fitting of aids/appliances, **with the following provisions:**

- ₹1,500 for hearing-impaired individuals.
- ₹3,000 for visually impaired individuals.
- ₹15,000 for physically disabled individuals.

Financial Assistance for Aids and Appliances

- Full cost for aids/appliances costing up to ₹15,000.
- For aids/appliances costing ₹15,001 to ₹30,000, financial assistance up to ₹15,000.
- For full cost reimbursement, the income limit is ₹22,500 per month.
- For individuals with an income between ₹22,501 and ₹30,000 per month, financial assistance will cover 50% of the cost of aids/appliances.

Special Cases

- For high-cost devices such as cochlear implants and motorized tricycles, a separate list will be prepared.
- 50% of the cost of such devices will be covered by the Government of India, while the remaining amount must be borne by the State Government, NGOs, or the beneficiary. Ministry approval is required, and the budget allocation will be limited to 20% of the total scheme budget.
- ₹250 as a travel allowance and an escort's fare for attending assessment camps or collecting aids/appliances.

- ₹100 per day for food expenses for up to 15 days, applicable only to beneficiaries with a monthly income of ₹22,500 or less. The escort/helper is also entitled to the same benefits.

Cochlear Implant Assistance

- For children with congenital hearing loss (1–5 years old): ₹6 lakh assistance.
- For children (5–18 years old) who acquired hearing loss later: ₹7 lakh assistance.
- This financial assistance covers the cost of the implant, surgery, therapy, tuning, and pre-surgery evaluation.

Scheme Type

- Welfare Scheme

Application Process

More details about the application process can be found on the **official website**. <https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>
Click **here** to register and apply for the scheme.

Guidelines

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Beneficiaries The primary objective of this scheme is to provide modern, scientifically designed aids and appliances to persons with disabilities to help them physically, socially, and mentally rehabilitate, thereby reducing the impact of disabilities and improving their educational and economic potential.

Benefits Summary

As mentioned above.

How to Apply

As mentioned above.



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Free Training and Scholarship Program for Disabled Students

Funding

Provided by the Central Government

Eligibility Criteria

General Eligibility Criteria

The scholarship is available only to Indian citizens.

All components of the scholarship will be available to students who meet the primary eligibility criteria, such as having 40% or more disability (as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016) and possessing a valid disability certificate issued by a competent authority.

More than two disabled children from the same parents will not be eligible for this scheme. However, if the second child is a twin, then the scheme will be applicable to the twin child.

This scholarship is granted for one academic year only per class. If a student has to repeat a class, they will not be eligible for the scholarship for the repeated year.

Students benefiting from this scholarship cannot avail of any other scholarship or financial aid simultaneously. If they accept another scholarship, they will no longer be eligible for benefits under this scheme.

To apply for the scholarship, disabled students must be registered under the Unique Disability ID (UDID) program.

Specific Eligibility Criteria for the

Scheme

The scholarship is applicable only for undergraduate and postgraduate degree/diploma courses in reputed educational institutions recognized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Distance learning, part-time, or weekend courses are not eligible for this scholarship.

Since the benefit is granted only once per individual, it will not be considered for any second or subsequent educational benefit.

The parental annual income should not exceed ₹8 lakh.

Benefits Provided

The scholarship includes financial assistance for students with valid disability certificates, covering expenses related to higher education.

Scheme Type

Scholarship

Application Process

More details can be found on the official website.

To apply, click the designated link and submit the application.

Guidelines for the Scheme

More detailed information can be accessed via the official website link <https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>

Beneficiaries

Eligible for entrance exams required for recruitment to Group A, B, and C posts, as well as for technical and professional courses.

Advantages

As mentioned above.

How to Apply?

As mentioned above.

National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

The National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is a scheme initiated by the Government of India to provide financial assistance to differently-abled students pursuing higher education and research.

Below are the key details of this scheme:
Eligibility Criteria

General Eligibility

The fellowship is available only for Indian citizens.

It is applicable to students with at least 40% disability, as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

The applicant must possess a valid disability certificate issued by a competent authority.

A maximum of two children from the same parents can avail of this fellowship. However, in the case of twins, both are eligible.

The fellowship is awarded for only one academic year per course. If a student fails or repeats a year, they will not receive the fellowship for the repeated year.

Students cannot avail of any other fellowship or scholarship simultaneously under this scheme.

Specific Eligibility for Fellowship

This scheme is available for students pursuing M.Phil./Ph.D. in recognized universities/institutions.

Students must be enrolled full-time in a research program at an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

A candidate can receive only one fellowship at a time. If already receiving financial assistance from another source, they must give up that support to avail of this fellowship.

The fellowship is not available to government employees, even if they take study leave for research purposes.

Financial Assistance Provided

The fellowship amount is as per the UGC-approved rates:

Component	Financial Assistance Provided
Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)	₹31,000 per month for the first 2 years
Senior Research Fellowship (SRF)	₹35,000 per month for the next 3 years
Contingency Grant (for Humanities/Social Sciences/Commerce & Arts)	₹10,000 per year (first 2 years), ₹20,500 per year (remaining tenure)
Contingency Grant (for Science/Engineering/Technology)	₹12,000 per year (first 2 years), ₹25,000 per year (remaining tenure)
Reader/Assistant Support (if required, with verification)	₹2,000 per month
House Rent Allowance (HRA)	Provided as per government norms (9%, 18%, or 27% depending on the city)

Important Notes on HRA (House Rent Allowance)

If the institution provides hostel accommodation, only hostel fees will be covered (not food, electricity, or water charges).

If the student refuses hostel accommodation, they will not be eligible for HRA.

If no hostel is available, the student may arrange accommodation, and actual rent will be reimbursed, subject to government norms.

Selection Process

Candidates are selected based on their performance in the UGC-NET or CSIR-NET examinations.

A national merit list is prepared from eligible candidates who meet the disability criteria.

Selected candidates must secure admission within three years from the date of selection.



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**National Overseas Scholarship for Students with
Disabilities**

Eligibility Criteria

General Eligibility Criteria:

- The scholarship is available only to Indian citizens.
- All components of the scholarship will be available to students who meet the scheme's key criteria, such as having 40% or more disability (as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016) and possessing a valid disability certificate issued by a competent authority.
- Not more than two children from the same parents can benefit from this scheme. However, in the case of twins, the scholarship can be granted to both.
- The scholarship will be awarded for only one academic year for a particular course. If a student has to repeat the same course, they will not be eligible for the scholarship in the subsequent year.
- Students receiving this scholarship cannot avail of any other scholarship or educational grant simultaneously. If a student opts for another scholarship, their benefits under this scheme will be discontinued.
- To avail of the scholarship, registration for a Unique Disability ID (UDID) is required.

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

- The scholarship is available to students who fulfill the scheme's key criteria (40% or more disability as per the 2016 Act) and possess a valid disability certificate issued by a competent authority.
- For Ph.D. programs – The applicant must have obtained at least 55% marks or equivalent in the relevant postgraduate degree.

- For postgraduate programs – The applicant must have obtained at least 55% marks or equivalent in the relevant undergraduate degree.
- If the grading system differs, the institution/university must provide a certified grade conversion to percentage.
- Applicants who are already studying abroad under any other scholarship or self-financing their studies abroad will not be eligible for this scheme. The National Overseas Scholarship can be availed only once in a lifetime.
- Applicants wishing to pursue a postgraduate or Ph.D. in a different discipline (Science, Commerce, Arts) will be eligible if they have obtained the necessary qualifications from an Indian or foreign university/college. However, they should not have received a similar scholarship from the Central/State Government for the same academic level.
- The applicant's age should be below 35 years as of January 1st of the application year.
- The annual family income should not exceed ₹8 lakh.

Scholarship Benefits:

The financial assistance provided under this scheme is as follows:

Sr. No	Type of Allowance	Country	Amount
1	Annual Tuition Fee, Living Allowance	USA & Other Countries	USD 15,400 per year
2	Annual Tuition Fee, Living Allowance	UK	GBP 9,900 per year
3	Contingency Allowance	USA & Other Countries	USD 1,500 per year
4	Contingency Allowance	UK	GBP 1,100 per year
5	Incidental Travel Allowance	USA only	USD 20 (one-time payment)



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Scholarship for Higher Education for Students with Benchmark Disabilities

Funded by the Central Government

Eligibility Criteria

General Eligibility Criteria:

- The scholarship is available only to Indian citizens.
- All components of the scholarship will be available to students who meet the scheme's primary criteria, such as having a benchmark disability of 40% or more (as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016) and possessing a valid disability certificate issued by a competent authority.
- Only two children from the same parents can avail of this scheme. However, if the second child is a twin, they will also be eligible for the scholarship.
- The scholarship will be awarded for only one academic year for a particular class. If a student repeats the same class, they will not be eligible for the scholarship in the following year.
- Beneficiaries of this scheme cannot avail of any other scholarship or educational grant. If a student opts for another scholarship, they will no longer receive benefits under this scheme.
- (For the applicant) It is mandatory to have a Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) for availing of the scholarship benefits.

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

The scholarship is applicable for undergraduate and postgraduate degree/diploma courses from reputed institutions notified by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Distance education, part-time courses, or weekend education programs will not be eligible under this scheme. Since this benefit is granted only once, it will not be considered again for further studies.

The annual income of the parents should not exceed ₹8,00,000.

Benefits Provided

The scholarship for higher education for students with benchmark disabilities includes the following components:

Sr. No.	Scholarship Component	Details
1	Tuition and Non-refundable Fees Reimbursement	Up to ₹2,00,000 per year, depending on actual costs
2	Maintenance Allowance	₹3,000 per month for hostellers, ₹1,500 per month for day scholars
3	Special Allowance (for disability-related expenses such as reading assistance, escort assistance, etc.)	₹2,000 per month
4	Books and Study Material	₹5,000 per year
5	One-time Grant for Computer/Laptop and Assistive Devices	₹45,000 (applicable only in the first year, subject to submission of purchase proof)
6	One-time Grant for Assistive Aids and Equipment	₹30,000 (applicable only in the first year, subject to submission of purchase proof)

Scholarship Type:

This is a **merit-based scholarship** under the **Central Government's initiative** for students with benchmark disabilities.

How to Apply

For more information, visit the official website. Click here to register and apply for the scholarship

<https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>

Guidelines for the Scheme

For detailed guidelines, click here

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Beneficiaries

The scholarship is available to students with benchmark disabilities who have been admitted to undergraduate and postgraduate courses in reputed institutions recognized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Benefits

As mentioned above.

Application Process

Follow the instructions mentioned in the official guidelines to complete the application process.

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Financial Assistance for Self-Employment of Disabled Individuals

Fund: Provided by the Central Government

Eligibility Criteria

As per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, individuals with any of the 21 recognized disabilities are eligible.

General Eligibility Criteria:

- This scholarship is available only to Indian citizens.
- All components of the scholarship will be available to applicants who meet key eligibility criteria, such as having at least 40% disability (as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016) and possessing a valid disability certificate issued by a competent authority.
- A maximum of two children from the same parents can benefit from this scheme. However, if the second child is a twin, they will also be eligible.
- The scholarship is granted for only one academic year per class. If a student has to repeat the same class, they will not receive the scholarship for that year.
- Scholarship recipients cannot avail themselves of any other scholarship or stipend. If a student accepts another scholarship, they will no longer receive benefits under this scheme.
- (For applicants) Registration for a Unique Disability ID (UDID) is mandatory to avail of the scholarship.

Specific Eligibility Criteria for the Scheme

- The applicant must be a full-time student in Class IX or X in a government school, government-recognized school, or a school affiliated with a central/state education board.

- The annual income of the parents should not exceed ₹2.5 lakh.

Benefits Provided

The pre-matric scholarship includes the following benefits for the entire duration of the course:

1. **Maintenance allowance**
2. **Book grant**
3. **Disability allowance**

Type of Scheme:

Scholarship

Application Process:

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Guidelines for the Scheme:

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Beneficiaries:

Students with disabilities studying in **Class IX and X**

Benefits:

As mentioned above.

How to Apply:

As mentioned above.