



NIEPMD (The National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities): A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT

The Disabilities enumerated as per RPWD Act (2016) are Blindness, Low-vision, Leprosy Cured persons, Hearing Impairment (deaf and hard of hearing), Locomotor Disability, Dwarfism, Intellectual Disability, Mental Illness, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Chronic Neurological conditions, Specific Learning Disabilities, Multiple Sclerosis, Speech and Language disability, Thalassemia, Haemophilia, Sickle Cell disease, Multiple Disabilities including deaf blindness, Acid Attack victim, Parkinson's disease and as per The National Trust (1999) Act, are Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.

KEY WORDS:

Institute, multiple disabilities, facilities,

The National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)

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INTRODUCTION

National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) established in the year 2005, on East Coast Road, Muttu Kadu, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, (about 30 km from Chennai Central railway station, Mofussil bus terminus and airport) Under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, to serve as a national resource center for empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities such as those with two or more disabilities in a person.

OBJECTIVES

- To undertake human resource development in various functional areas covering inter-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary activities for empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities
- To promote and conduct research in all areas relating to Multiple Disabilities and to develop trans-disciplinary models and strategies for social rehabilitation to meet the needs of diverse groups of people with Multiple Disabilities, by the society hereinafter referred to as “the Institute” or through NGOs.
- To conduct, sponsor, coordinate or subsidize research into all aspects of the education, rehabilitation, capacity building, and independent living of persons with Multiple Disabilities by the Institute or through NGOs.
- To undertake and /or sponsor the training of trainers and professionals in the areas of early intervention, early childhood education, special education, vocational training & employment, independent living, community rehabilitation and project management.
- To manufacture, fabricate, adapt or promote or subsidize the manufacture of prototypes and distribution of any or all aids designed to promote any aspects of the education, therapy and rehabilitation of the persons with Multiple Disabilities.

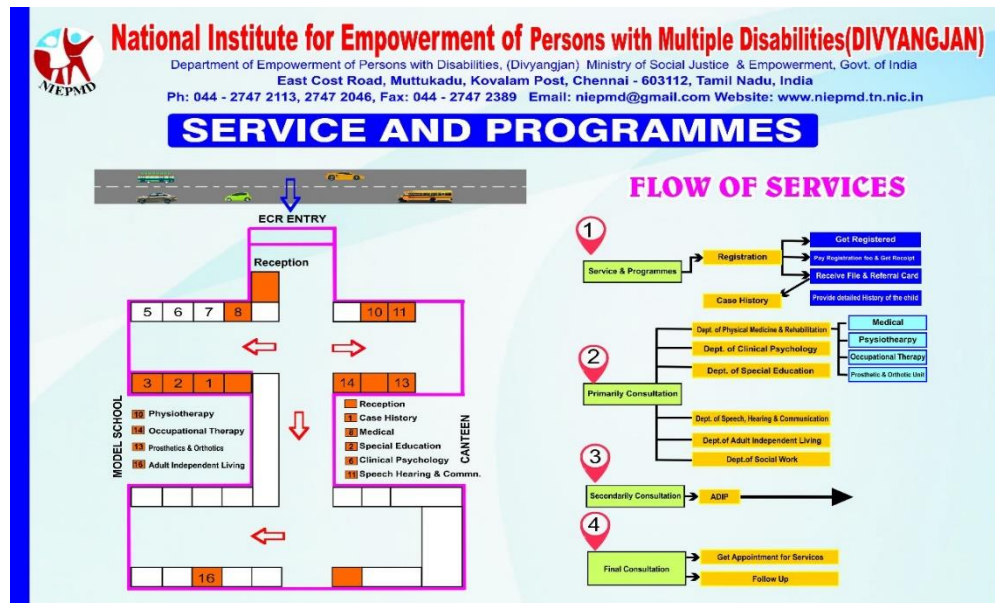
VISION

The Persons with Multiple Disabilities have equal rights to lead a better quality of life. This may be enabled with committed professionalism, accessible environment, equal opportunities, positive attitudes and appropriate, affordable, acceptable and available technological interventions.

MISSION

To provide need based comprehensive rehabilitation through team approach facilitating inclusion, ensuring empowerment of persons with Multiple Disabilities and their families and by substantiating field-based research and development of human resources.

SERVICES



At reception the support staff starts the process of registration by collecting all the details of the client and categorise them into UD or MD. The process of registration is completed by collecting the registration charges and service charges as per the NIEPMD fee structure and then the clients are sent to social work professionals for taking up the case history. The staff at reception also guide the clients to other departments for further treatments and follow up sessions and also receive inter office calls, out calls and guide them appropriately about our services, availability of cottage and guest houses.

After registration, case history is undertaken Case History enables the professional to communicate with the patient about his/her symptoms, feeling and fears so as to obtain an insight into the nature of patients present and past illness. The data is collected concerning an individual, his/her family and environment. It includes the medical history, antenatal natal and postnatal history, developmental history, immunization history, school history and family dynamics and other information that may be use full in analysing and diagnosing the case instructional or research purpose.

Once the case history is collected, then the client will be referred to other departments for specific assessment and intervention. Apart from regular services, NIEPMD also conducts special clinics in the following specialities-Neurology, Psychiatry and Dentistry, every month. The Institute also supplies medicines to persons with disabilities for neurological and psychiatric conditions at subsidised prices.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Sensory Integration
- Early Intervention Services
- Prosthetics & Orthotics
- Special education
- Psychological Assessments and Interventions
- Speech, Hearing & Communication
- Vocational training
- Vocational Guidance & Counselling
- Deafblind
- Community based Rehabilitation

- Special Clinics (Psychiatric, Neurology & Ophthalmology)

PROSTHETIC ORTHOTIC UNIT

Prosthetic & Orthotic unit provides services to the persons with disabilities in terms of assessment, measurement, fabrication, fitment and training of various types of orthotic, prosthetic splint, adaptive devices and seating devices as per their needs and requirement to perform and make accessible to environment and community. The fabrication and fitment technologies are based on low cost and low weight, to reduce the energy demand cost expenditure in performing day to day activities.



The Clients were clinically examined for their nature, extent and causes of disability in the department of Medical Science. Following the medical examination, medicines are prescribed if needed and the clients are referred to other specialists for further investigation and rehabilitation. Medical & Genetic counselling, referrals for psychological, therapeutic and special education inputs were also provided. This department has the units of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Prosthetics & Orthotics Material development unit and sensory integration, provides services for persons with Multiple Disabilities. Besides Medical Services therapeutic services are also provided through the department to make the clients mobile and independent through exercises, electro and sensory integration therapies and by providing various aids and appliances including artificial limbs. The main objective of the department is to make "life in the years" of the clients and the focus is on training the parents in doing exercises and activities to help their child with disability.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

The early intervention services are provided for children at risk/developmental delay from birth to three years. The children are assessed for different developmental aspects such as motor, language, cognitive. self-help and social skills. Play way method is imparted to stimulate the developmental functioning of the children. A home-based program is also prepared and explained to parents to follow the same.

CONCLUSION:

The National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) plays a vital role in advancing the rights and well-being of individuals with multiple disabilities in India. Through its education, training, rehabilitation, research, and advocacy initiatives, NIEPMD empowers individuals with multiple disabilities to lead fulfilling lives and contribute to society. The institute's dedication to inclusivity and empowerment makes it a cornerstone in the effort to create a more inclusive and accessible society for all.

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