

## Report on Virtual Inauguration Early Identification & Intervention Centre on 17.06.2021

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, through these EICs, seeks to eliminate or reduce the severity of disabilities at an early stage so that kids can achieve their full potential. To begin with, EICs have been set-up in seven national institutes working on different disabilities and seven composite regional centres across states as a pilot project that will be scaled up eventually. The seven EICs at NIs are located in Kolkata, Cuttack, Mumbai, Dehradun, Delhi, Secunderabad and Chennai. The seven centres at composite regional centres are at Patna, Lucknow, Kozhikode, Sundernagar, Nellore, Rajnandgaon and Bhopal. The EICs in each of the NIs/CRCs is equipped to screen and intervene in respect of all categories of disabilities covered under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.



It is a move that is expected to have a far reaching impact and makes room for a first of its kind single-window facility. The cross disability Early Intervention Centres (EICs) is to provide guidance and professional help to infants and young children at-risk or with disability or developmental delay and their families to help their development, well-being and participation in family and community life especially those up to 6 years of age. Early intervention provides specialized support and services that research studies suggest that early childhood (0-6 year) is the most critical phase of brain development.

On 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, all 14 Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (EICs) established in different states of India has been virtually inaugurated by Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice & empowerment, Govt. of India in the presence of Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, Hon'ble Union MoS(SJ&E), Shri Ramdas Athewale, Hon'ble Union MoS(SJ&E), Shri Krishna Pal Gurjar, Hon'ble Union MoS(SJ&E), Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD and Ms. Tarika Roy, Joint Secretary.



Ms. Priyadarshini, Officer-in-charge, CRC Patna along with Ms. Ambreen Fatma, in charge-EI unit has been represented CRC Patna during virtual inauguration of Early Intervention Centres (EICs) at CRC, Patna. Mr. Shambhu Rajak Assistant State Disability Commissioner, Bihar, Govt. of Bihar and Ms. Pinki Kumari, Assistant Director, DEPWD from the state (Bihar) also present in the inauguration program. They visited the Centre, observed all units on the day and are determined to replicate such centre shortly by the state.



The CDIC established at CRC Patna will provide identification of risk cases and refer the child for appropriate rehabilitative services. As part of the therapeutic services, it will provide physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy and the centre will also be focused on school Readiness by providing pre-school service. The parents and peers of the child will also be provided with appropriate counseling and guidance. Feeding and baby care area is also available for mother and the child.

