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**A CALL  
FOR CHANGE**

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As India moves forward in its pursuit of development and progress, a critical issue remains to receive the focussed action it deserves: the rights and inclusion of a large section of the persons with varied disabilities. With a huge population that is diverse with 21 types of disabilities as of now geographies, societal and economic challenges, intersectionality and corresponding needs for identification tools, appropriate strategies and more importantly, specifically designed policies and programs and focussed action here is an urgent need to shift the narrative from enabling dependency to empowering persons with disabilities to become contributing citizens to the country's development.

The current issue of The Bridge India E-Magazine, Future of Disability and Inclusion is dedicated to amplifying voices, raising awareness, and driving transformative change for a more inclusive society. Our feature delves into the different policies of Government for persons with disabilities. and how corporate are impacting society through their CSR initiatives and how different NGOs are working to bring respite to this group of our society, how various development initiatives contributing to ameliorating the condition of persons with disabilities and how inclusive of the persons with disabilities the social sector movements have been in the country. We aim to foster a deeper understanding of the complex realities surrounding disability and inspire collective action towards their inclusion and empowerment.

**Need for Collective Action**

The future of disability movement



and inclusion of persons with disabilities will depend on collective action. The shift must move from charity-driven models to rights-based ones with a clear focus on inclusion and empowerment ensuring dignity of every individual. Identifying the empowering tools such as the quality education, and appropriate skills and the gaps is the key for which all stakeholders must work together to create systems that break down barriers and fill the yawning gaps to ensure equal opportunities for all, regardless of their abilities. For instance, in 2011, 20% to 54% of children with varied disabilities had never been to a school as compared to 17.2% of all the children of age 5 to 19 years. This serious indeed!

Inclusion should not be seen as a privilege but as a fundamental right. A more inclusive future is possible —

one where persons with disabilities are valued for their skills, talent and contributions. But cooperation, collaboration, and commitment from key stakeholders in various sectors is a prerequisite for this change.

We invite you to join this movement for a brighter and more equitable future for everyone.

**HAPPY READING!**

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## Panel Discussion: The Intersection of Economy & Environment



### KAUN BANEGA SOCIAL SECTOR Champion SEASON 5

Join us in this engaging quiz that champions the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Dignitaries release the print edition of The Bridge India Magazine to commemorate completion of 5 years of the Digital Edition

# SEVEN YEARS OF BRIDGING GAP: A CELEBRATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

On Saturday, November 30, 2024, The Bridge India and The Bridge Trust hosted a groundbreaking event at the Constitution Club of India, Annexe, in New Delhi. Focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the event wasn't just a gathering—it was a celebration of progress and a clarion call to tackle India's most pressing challenges. Sponsored by NHPC, this SDG event stood as a testament to the power of collective action.

#### INSPIRING LEADERSHIP

Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, the father of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in India, took center stage with a powerful keynote address. His words set the tone for the day, reminding attendees of the urgency of aligning business practices with sustainable, social and environmental outcomes.



Shri Rakesh Jinsi President SOS India and Senator SOS International presenting trophy & cheque to champions of SDG Quiz Kaun Banega Social Sector Champion Edition 5, Dilip Singh & Girish Chander of IOCL

#### PANEL DISCUSSION: ENVIRONMENT VS ECONOMY

Moderated by Mr. Rajiv Khurana, co founder lung care foundation the panel discussion on the delicate balance

between economic growth and environmental preservation sparked riveting conversations. Experts Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Senior Adviser, Deloitte India and Dua

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Secretary General SOS India Shri Sumanta Kar and Shri Deepak Taneja Quiz Master with the 2nd winning team M. Vanamamalai and Ranjeeth R.

Consulting & Chair, School of Law, IILM University, Mr. Rakesh Jinsi, President SOS India and Senator SOS International Brig. Rajiv Williams, Advisor CSR, Ms Seema Shukla, Executive Director-TIC Council of India and Mr. Dhruvanarayan Mukherjee, GM CSR Vedanta dissected the intricate web of challenges, offering solutions that could redefine India's development trajectory.

#### KAUN BANEGA SOCIAL SECTOR CHAMPION: SDG QUIZ EDITION

In an engaging test of knowledge, the 5th edition of the SDG Quiz saw fierce competition. Hosted by renowned quiz master Deepak Taneja, it was the IOCL Team No. 2, led by Dr. Dilip Singh and Girish Chander, that emerged victorious. The second spot was claimed by IOCL's M. Vanamamalai and Ranjeeth R, while Anand Kumar of SAIL rounded off the top three. A compelling reminder that knowledge

is a critical tool for social transformation.

#### THE BRIDGE INDIA MAGAZINE SPECIAL EDITION RELEASED

A special moment arrived with the launch of The Bridge India Magazine, sponsored by NHPC. This inaugural issue highlighted groundbreaking stories of collaboration and change, celebrating the triumphs of governments, corporations, NGOs, and unsung heroes relentlessly working towards the SDGs.

#### AN UNFORGETTABLE CALL TO ACTION

The event closed with a renewed sense of purpose, as stakeholders from all sectors—government, business, civil society—came together to reflect, deliberate, and drive forward India's sustainable future. The event reinforced one irrefutable truth: sustainable development requires collective effort, unwavering commitment, and bold action from all corners of society.

Third winner of the SDG Quiz Mr Anand of SAIL being awarded with the prize cheque



## SOCIAL SECTOR MOVEMENT

Mr Nixon Joseph has joined as Group Executive Director of Dignity Education Vision International (Dev Sansthan) and leads the non-profit focused on education. Previously, he was CEO of CLT India.

Fondly known as "Marathon Legend," Nixon completed 72 full marathons, since he started at the age of 45, inspiring thousands, especially youth. His work has earned him recognition as a Fit India Ambassador and inclusion in the Tata Mumbai Marathon Legends Club.

A graduate of Ashoka Changemakers' Social Intrapreneurship course he has contributed to sustainable development projects, including those for persons with disabilities. He is also an active speaker, having participated in over 275 webinars during the pandemic.

Nixon has been honored with the Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award for Public Service and recognized as a Covid Warrior by the Governor of Maharashtra. A member of several prestigious boards and committees, he is a senior CSR consultant and a visiting faculty at the International Institute for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability.



Mr Nixon Joseph Group Executive Director, DEV Sansthan, Lucknow

# SHAPING A NEW ERA OF EMPOWERMENT

By Swratmika Dubey

In the evolving landscape of disability and inclusion, the future holds a transformative potential. As society progresses towards greater inclusivity, pioneering organizations like Muskaan-PAEPID, Saksham, and Helpers of the Handicapped Kolhapur are leading the charge, redefining what it means to empower individuals with disabilities. Through innovative approaches, these organizations are not only addressing present challenges but also paving the way for a future where inclusion is the norm.

## Muskaan-PAEPID: Building a Foundation for Lifelong Independence

For over four decades, Muskaan-PAEPID has championed the cause of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their vision for group homes and assisted living facilities exemplifies a commitment to fostering independence. Through comprehensive training in life skills and vocational activities, residents are empowered to make choices and manage their daily lives. This

approach not only nurtures self-reliance but also creates a supportive community that values the unique contributions of each individual. Muskaan's innovative models of support—ranging from assisted living facilities to co-living spaces—are set to expand, ensuring that the future is one of dignity, growth, and inclusion for all.

Muskaan's approach extends beyond just providing a living space. They

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focus on creating an environment where individuals can thrive through meaningful engagement. From running their own bakery and producing artisanal crafts to participating in decision-making processes, residents are encouraged to take ownership of their lives. This empowerment translates to increased confidence and a sense of purpose, which are critical for long-term well-being. By developing these life skills, Muskaan ensures that their residents are not just passive recipients of care but active contributors to their community.

## Saksham: Harnessing Technology for a Brighter Future

Saksham's pioneering use of technology and innovation is reshaping opportunities for the visually impaired. By developing affordable assistive devices and providing tailored training, Saksham is bridging the gap between disability and accessibility. Products like the Dotbook and Smartcane-TM,

developed in collaboration with leading institutes, are revolutionizing the way visually impaired individuals navigate their world. Beyond technology, Saksham's focus on long-term impact through continuous feedback and case studies ensures that their initiatives remain effective and responsive to the evolving needs of the community. The organization's ambitious goals to expand its reach and integrate inclusive education demonstrate a future where technological advancements are leveraged for widespread empowerment.

One of Saksham's notable achievements is the launch of Saktek.in, an online store that provides a range of assistive devices. This platform has made it easier for individuals with visual impairments to access the tools they need for education, mobility, and independent living. Additionally, Saksham's commitment to affordability ensures that these technologies are accessible to individuals from all economic backgrounds. By focusing on both technological innovation and social equity, Saksham is creating a blueprint for a more inclusive society.

## Helpers of the Handicapped Kolhapur: A Legacy of Resilience and Innovation

Founded by the indomitable Naseema Hurzuk, Helpers of the Handicapped Kolhapur has become a beacon of hope and empowerment for persons with disabilities. Through initiatives like the 'Gharonda' hostel and vocational training centers, the organization provides comprehensive support that includes education, employment, and community integration. Their visionary project, Swapna Nagari, embodies the future of inclusive living, combining vocational training with self-sustained community life. As Helpers of the Handicapped continues to expand its services, their holistic approach ensures that individuals with disabilities are not only included but celebrated within society.



The impact of Helpers of the Handicapped extends beyond the individuals they serve. By fostering an inclusive environment, they are also transforming societal attitudes towards disability. Through public awareness campaigns, cultural events, and partnerships with local organizations, they are breaking down barriers and promoting a more inclusive community. This holistic approach ensures that individuals with disabilities are not only supported but also fully integrated into society, where they can contribute and thrive.



## A Future Rooted in Inclusion and Empowerment

The journey towards a more inclusive society is ongoing, but the path is illuminated by the efforts of organizations like Muskaan-PAEPID, Saksham, and Helpers of the Handicapped Kolhapur. Their innovative models and unwavering commitment to empowerment are setting the stage for a future where

disability is no longer a barrier but a facet of human diversity that is embraced and supported. As we look ahead, the continued collaboration between technology, community engagement, and inclusive policies will be crucial in shaping a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

The future of disability and inclusion is one where barriers are broken, and opportunities are abundant. By investing in innovative solutions, fostering inclusive communities, and advocating for systemic change, these organizations are not just envisioning a better future—they are actively creating it. The next steps involve scaling these successful models, influencing policy changes, and ensuring that the voices of individuals with disabilities are heard and valued in every aspect of society. This collective effort will undoubtedly lead to a world where inclusion is not just an ideal but a lived reality for all.



# THE RISE OF DISABILITY INCLUSION THROUGH CSR IN INDIA

In recent years, the narrative around disability inclusion in India has evolved significantly. The 2016 Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act was a pivotal moment, mandating a 4% reservation for persons with disabilities in government jobs and encouraging private companies to take proactive measures in hiring and integrating disabled employees. This legal framework, combined with a growing corporate social responsibility (CSR) culture, has motivated organizations to contribute meaningfully to disability inclusion, both within their workforces and in the communities they serve. Companies like Powerlink transmission, Wipro, and Accor Group are showcasing how corporations can champion disability as a cause while addressing broader societal challenges.

## Powerlink: Empowering Persons with Disabilities Through Vocational Training and Technology

Powerlink transmission has been at the forefront of empowering persons with disabilities through skill development, employment, and technology-driven solutions. The company collaborates with vocational training centers to provide technical education tailored to energy transmission roles. These programs include hands-on training in assembly and maintenance, equipping participants with industry-relevant skills. Powerlink has also partnered with organizations like EA'TERS Enterprise Adaptée to ensure that persons with disabilities are employed in meaningful roles.

In addition to providing training, Powerlink has invested in accessible



infrastructure at its facilities. Wheelchair ramps, tactile pathways for visually impaired employees, and speech-to-text software for hearing-impaired workers are standard features. Powerlink's deployment of mobile accessibility units at remote project sites ensures that workers with disabilities have access to the necessary resources to perform their roles without barriers.

Technology plays a central role in Powerlink's inclusion initiatives. The company has introduced digital tools like assistive apps for task management and real-time captioning software for meetings. These advancements not only empower employees with disabilities but also foster a more inclusive workplace culture.

Community initiatives, such as workshops and training sessions with partners, further highlight Powerlink's dedication to building an inclusive workforce and raising awareness

about disability inclusion. Their programs have resulted in long-term employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, fostering independence and economic empowerment.

## Wipro CSR Foundation: Early Intervention, Technology, and Inclusion

Wipro's CSR initiatives are deeply rooted in early intervention programs for children with disabilities. The Wipro CSR Foundation partners with NGOs and educational institutions to provide therapies and educational support to children with developmental challenges. Their initiatives, such as the Mission10X program, aim to improve the quality of education for students with disabilities by incorporating assistive technologies and teacher training.

Wipro's workplace policies

emphasize the integration of technology to create a barrier-free environment. The company's Accessibility Practice ensures that its digital platforms and tools adhere to global accessibility standards. For instance, Wipro redesigned its internal portal to be fully accessible for visually impaired employees, incorporating features like voice navigation, screen readers and high-contrast interfaces.

The Disability Alliance Network (DAN) fosters a supportive community for employees with disabilities and their allies, offering mentorship opportunities and advocacy platforms. Wipro also collaborates with Enable India to connect job seekers with disabilities to employment opportunities. Through their "Job Ability Fair," Wipro has facilitated hundreds of placements across industries, demonstrating their commitment to inclusive hiring.

Wipro's use of technology extends beyond the workplace. The company has developed AI-powered tools to assess the accessibility of digital platforms for its clients, helping other organizations enhance their inclusivity practices. Additionally, the Wipro CSR Foundation focuses on research and development of assistive devices, such as low-cost prosthetics and hearing aids to support broader societal needs.

## Accor Group: Disability Inclusion in India's Hospitality Sector

Accor Group has demonstrated its commitment to disability inclusion within the Indian hospitality sector. The company has initiated programs to enhance accessibility across its properties, such as providing wheelchair-accessible rooms and training staff to cater to guests with disabilities. In collaboration with local NGOs, Accor has also focused on employing persons with disabilities in roles such as guest relations, housekeeping, and culinary services.

One of Accor's key initiatives in India is its partnership with vocational training centers that specialize in equipping individuals with disabilities for the hospitality industry. These

collaborations provide hands-on training in front office management, food service operations and housekeeping. Graduates of these programs often secure long-term employment at Accor properties, underscoring the company's commitment to creating sustainable career opportunities.

Accor's "Hospitality for All" campaign in India has been instrumental in raising awareness about the importance of disability inclusion in tourism. This program includes workshops for hotel managers and local community leaders to promote accessibility standards and improve guest experiences

**POWERLINK, WIPRO, AND ACCOR GROUP ARE DRIVING DISABILITY INCLUSION IN INDIA THROUGH VOCATIONAL TRAINING, ACCESSIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND INNOVATIVE CSR INITIATIVES. LEARN HOW THESE COMPANIES ARE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND BREAKING BARRIERS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

for travelers with disabilities. The company's "Disability Champions" program further empowers employees to advocate for inclusion within their teams, ensuring consistent progress in its properties across India.

Technology also plays a significant role in Accor's inclusion strategy. The "Smart Guest Room" initiative incorporates adaptive technologies such as voice-controlled lighting, height-adjustable furniture, and accessible bathroom fixtures with grab bars. Additionally, Accor has launched a mobile app that allows guests with disabilities to customize their stay preferences, ensuring a seamless and personalized experience.

## The Legal Push: RPWD Act and Its Impact on Corporate India

The RPWD Act has been instrumental in driving disability inclusion across sectors in India. By mandating reservations in government jobs and encouraging private sector participation, the Act has created a framework for organizations to embrace inclusivity. Corporates have responded by integrating disability-focused initiatives into their CSR strategies, contributing to skill development, employment, and community welfare programs.

Powerlink, Wipro, and Accor have aligned their initiatives with the principles of the RPWD Act. These companies have not only incorporated accessibility standards into their operations but have also influenced industry norms through advocacy and collaboration. For example, Wipro's Accessibility Practice aligns with RPWD guidelines to ensure their digital products and services cater to all users, including those with disabilities. Similarly, Accor's "Hospitality for All" program addresses the Act's emphasis on improving accessibility in public spaces.

## Challenges Faced and the Road Ahead

Despite significant progress, challenges remain in achieving true disability inclusion. Awareness and sensitization among employers, limited access to assistive technologies, and societal stigma continue to hinder full participation of persons with disabilities in the workforce. Companies like Powerlink, Wipro, and Accor Group are paving the way, but sustained efforts are needed to scale these initiatives and address systemic barriers.

The road ahead lies in fostering collaborations between corporates, governments, and non-profits to create sustainable models of inclusion. By leveraging technology, strengthening legal frameworks, and promoting awareness, India can move closer to a future where disability inclusion is not just a CSR objective but a societal norm. Together, organizations and individuals can ensure that no one is left behind in the journey towards

## BREAKING BARRIERS

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**Empowering Inclusivity: National Fund for Persons with Disabilities**

The National Fund for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), established under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, is a cornerstone initiative by the Indian government. This fund ensures targeted financial support for empowering PwDs in areas such as education, sports, arts, and accessibility.

**Empowering Rehabilitation: Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)**

The Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), implemented by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), is a critical initiative by the Indian government to support Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Introduced in 1999 and revised over the years, DDRS focuses on providing rehabilitation services to PwDs through voluntary organizations, enabling their inclusion in society.

**Empowering Inclusion: Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA)**

The Scheme for Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA), spearheaded by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities



(Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, plays a pivotal role in ensuring the rights and development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in India. This initiative, aligned with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, emphasizes creating an inclusive society through multi-sectoral collaboration.

**Promoting Education and Empowerment: Scholarships for Students with Disabilities**

The Scholarships for Students with

Disabilities scheme, developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), aims to support students with disabilities in their academic pursuits. This comprehensive scheme provides financial assistance to students with benchmark disabilities, ensuring that they have equal opportunities for education and career development. The scheme covers various educational levels, from pre-matric to higher studies, including overseas education,



fellowships and free coaching.

**Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP Scheme)**

The Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP Scheme),

implemented by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, is a testament to the Government of India's commitment to fostering an inclusive society. Recently revised for the 15th Finance Commission period

(2022–2026), the scheme has been updated to enhance its accessibility, efficiency and user-friendliness while incorporating modern technological advancements.

**ARJUN Portal:** An online platform for beneficiary registration and tracking of aid distribution.

## Impact Making NGOs in Disability

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## DEVELOPMENT HAPPENINGS

# FIRST DISTRICT-LEVEL SPORTS EVENT FOR CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, HOSTED BY KHUSHBOO

In a monumental step towards inclusivity, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), launched 16 transformative initiatives aimed at empowering Divyangjans across India on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024. Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar led the launch in New Delhi, emphasizing the government's unwavering commitment to a society where accessibility, equal opportunity, and empowerment are the rights of all.

The event was marked by the participation of dignitaries, senior



officials, and representatives from the disability sector, along with cultural performances by Divyangjan artists that highlighted their extraordinary talents and resilience.

Dr. Kumar highlighted, "These initiatives are a reflection of our steadfast dedication to creating a truly inclusive society. We strive to ensure that every Divyangjan in India has access to the tools and resources to thrive, bringing us closer to an accessible, equitable future for all."

Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary (DEPwD), reiterated the government's commitment to breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for self-reliance and dignity, saying, "Our vision for an equitable India drives these steps forward with a focus on accessibility, employability and empowerment for every individual, regardless of their abilities."

## FIRST DISTRICT LEVEL SPORTS EVENT AT KHUSHBOO

Khushboo working for the welfare of children with intellectual and multiple disabilities organized its first district-level Special Sports event for children at DAV Senior Secondary Public School on Nov 13. The event brought together children from various schools and NGOs. It was a heartwarming celebration of sportsmanship, inclusivity, and empowerment for children with special needs.

The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri Ravi Kumar, Project Director of ADC, and Shri Rakesh Jinsi, President of Khushboo along with Executive Members who kicked off the festivities with the Bocce game. Their presence underscored the importance of promoting such events that focus on the abilities and



potential of children with disabilities.

### Inspiring Performances and Moments of Glory

The day was filled with awe-inspiring

performances, showcasing the talents and determination of children with intellectual disabilities. One of the highlights was mesmerizing dance



performance by Khushboo's special children, which left the audience moved and inspired. Another outstanding performance came from Abhinav Chaudhary, a young boy who has already made a mark by winning the prestigious President of India Award. His performance was a testament to the incredible potential that lies within children regardless of their challenges.

### Competitive Spirit and Participation

Children from several organizations, including VISHWAS, DAV Sector 10, Manav Seva Samiti, Muskaan Palam Vihar, and Khushboo, participated enthusiastically in a range of events. The competition included races

(100m, 50m, 25m), softball throws, shot put, bocce, and team runs. These events were designed not only to promote physical fitness but also to encourage interaction, foster friendships, and boost the confidence of children with intellectual disabilities. The objective was clear: to motivate special children, provide them with a platform to develop their social skills, and inspire them to compete with a spirit of determination.

### Fostering an Inclusive Environment

The event's overarching goal was to promote inclusivity and provide a space for children with mental and multiple disabilities to showcase their skills. This competition served as an important opportunity for children from different

communities, schools, and NGOs to come together, break barriers, and celebrate their abilities. As Shri Rakesh Jinsi, President of Khushboo Welfare Society, emphasized, such events play a pivotal role in building an inclusive society where every child is given the opportunity to thrive.

### Supporters and collaborators

The event was held in collaboration with Special Olympics Bharat and was generously supported by DAV Senior Secondary Public School, who sponsored the venue and refreshments, ensuring a smooth and successful event for all participants.



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