



Shri-Divyang



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Summary

Shri-Divyang: Spreading Smiles Through Compassion

Shri-Divyang is a heartfelt initiative of Shrinivas Sarvmangalam dedicated to empowering and supporting individuals with disabilities by addressing some of their fundamental needs. The initiative operates with the core belief that every person, regardless of ability, deserves dignity, care, and equal opportunities to lead a fulfilling life.

As part of its mission, Shri-Divyang provides **free food, clothing, and gift items** to people with disabilities, creating a network of care and inclusion. By offering these essentials at no cost, the initiative seeks to alleviate some of the daily challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, ensuring they have access to the necessities they require to thrive.

The gifts distributed by Shri-Divyang are more than just material items—they symbolize acknowledgment, appreciation, and celebration of the unique strengths and contributions of individuals with disabilities. These acts of giving foster a sense of belonging and joy, creating meaningful connections between the community and its Divyang members.

Beyond its immediate services, Shri-Divyang raises awareness about the importance of compassion and inclusion, encouraging society to adopt an empathetic approach towards individuals with disabilities. It works to break down barriers, reduce stigma, and build an environment where everyone is treated with respect and equality.

Through its impactful efforts, Shri-Divyang is not just offering aid—it is creating a ripple effect of kindness and understanding, inspiring others to join hands in building a more inclusive and caring world.

Introduction

The term "Divyang" was introduced in India to describe persons with disabilities. It translates to "divine body" or "those with divine abilities." This positive and inclusive term signifies a shift from concentrating on limitations to recognizing the unique strengths, talents, and potential of individuals with disabilities. Divyang individuals play an integral role in society and make significant contributions across various fields, such as education, arts, sports, science, and public service. Their achievements demonstrate that physical or cognitive challenges do not define a person's worth or capabilities. With access to inclusive education, employment opportunities, and supportive infrastructure, Divyang individuals can thrive and excel just like anyone else. It is crucial to foster a society that values diversity and ensures accessibility and equality for all. By breaking down barriers and creating inclusive environments, we can empower Divyang individuals to lead fulfilling lives and inspire others with their resilience and determination.

The Shri-Divyang initiative empowers and supports people with impairments by attending to their basic needs. It holds that everyone is entitled to respect, care, and an equal chance for a happy life. Shri-Divyang builds a network of care and inclusion by giving away free food, clothing, and gifts to individuals with disabilities. These presents provide a feeling of joy and belonging by symbolizing the recognition, admiration, and celebration of the special qualities and accomplishments of people with disabilities. In addition to providing direct services, Shri-Divyang promotes empathy and inclusivity, urging people to treat people with disabilities with respect. It aims to dismantle obstacles, lessen stigma, and create an atmosphere where everyone is treated equally and with respect. With its powerful initiatives, Shri-Divyang makes a difference.

Background

In India, the term "Divyang" is used to refer to persons with disabilities (PwDs), highlighting their abilities rather than limitations. The latest data on Divyang individuals in India is primarily sourced from the Census of India 2011 and updated estimates from government reports. Below is an overview:

Population of Divyang Individuals in India (as per Census 2011)

Total Divyang population: 26.8 million

- Male: 14.9 million (55.99%)
- Female: 11.9 million (44.01%)

Percentage of total population: 2.21%

Disability Type-wise Distribution

- Locomotor disability (movement issues): 20.3%
- Hearing impairment: 18.9%
- Seeing impairment (visual disabilities): 18.8%
- Speech disability: 7.5%
- Mental disabilities: 5.6%
- Multiple disabilities: 7.9%
- Others: 21%

Rural vs Urban Distribution

- Rural: 69% (18.7 million)
- Urban: 31% (8.1 million)

Employment Status (as per NSSO data)

Percentage of Divyang employed:

- Rural areas: -36%
- Urban areas: -26%

Education Status

Around 45% of Divyang children do not attend school, reflecting challenges in access to inclusive education.

Government initiatives like the Right to Education Act and the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan aim to address these issues.

Background

Divyang Population in Jharkhand (Census 2011 Data)

Jharkhand, like other states in India, has a significant number of Divyang (persons with disabilities). Below is the data related to Divyang individuals in the state:

Total Divyang Population

Total Divyang Population: 769,980

Male: 424,604 (55.15%)

Female: 345,376 (44.85%)

Percentage of the state population: 2.32%

Type-wise Distribution of Disabilities

Locomotor disability: 181,573 (23.6%)

Visual disability: 174,842 (22.7%)

Hearing impairment: 113,295 (14.7%)

Speech impairment: 46,361 (6.0%)

Mental disability: 35,806 (4.7%)

Multiple disabilities: 57,621 (7.5%)

Other disabilities: 160,482 (20.8%)

Rural vs Urban Distribution

Rural: 90% (approx. 692,000)

Urban: 10% (approx. 78,000)

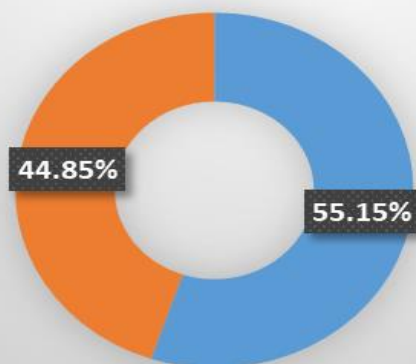
The higher rural concentration reflects limited urban migration and challenges in accessing services.

Educational Status

Many Divyang children in Jharkhand face barriers to education due to lack of inclusive infrastructure and accessibility.

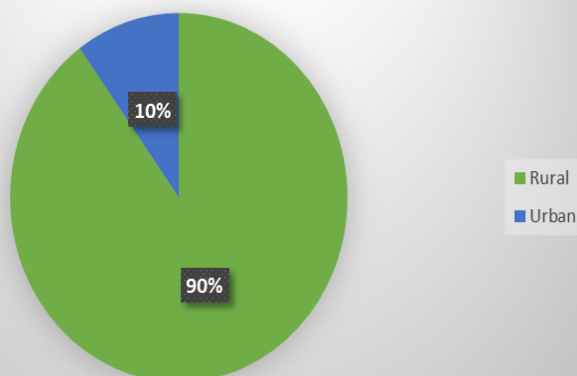
Enrollment of children with disabilities remains low, especially in rural areas.

TOTAL POPULATION OF DIVYANG (JHARKAHND)



Male
Female

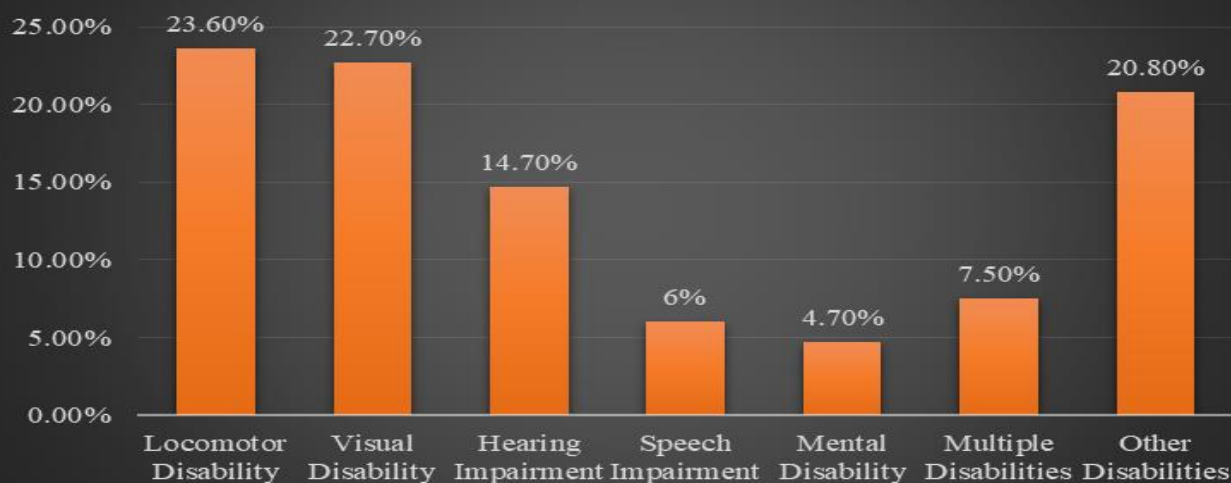
DISTRIBUTION URBAN-RURAL



Rural
Urban

**DATA
DISTRIBUTION
OF DIVYANG
PEOPLE IN
JHARKHAND**

TYPES OF DISABILITIES



Background

Government Initiatives in Jharkhand for Divyang Individuals

- **Free Disability Certificates and Aids:** The government organizes camps for issuing disability certificates and distributing assistive devices such as wheelchairs, hearing aids, and prosthetics.
- **Scholarships for Divyang Students:** Financial assistance for education at the school and college levels.
- **Skill Development Programs:** Vocational training programs aim to improve employment prospects for Divyang individuals.
- **Reservation in Government Jobs:** Divyang individuals are entitled to reservations in government jobs and educational institutions as per the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**.
- **Social Welfare Schemes:** Monthly pensions and financial assistance for individuals and families of persons with severe disabilities.

Challenges in Jharkhand

- **Lack of Accessible Infrastructure:** Most public spaces, schools, and workplaces are not disability-friendly.
- **Low Awareness:** Many eligible Divyang individuals are unaware of available government schemes.
- **Social Stigma:** Particularly in rural areas, people with disabilities often face discrimination and exclusion.
- **Healthcare Gaps:** Access to specialized healthcare and rehabilitation services is limited.

Shrinivas Sarvmangalam tries to fill the gap of our society by taking actions for the people to bring smile on their faces.

Objectives



The objective of **Shri-Divyang** is to promote inclusivity, empowerment, and equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities. These initiatives are designed to improve their quality of life, foster independence, and ensure their full participation in society. The key objectives include:

1. Meeting Basic Needs

Providing food and clothing ensures that Divyang individuals so they have access to essentials, promoting dignity, comfort, and survival.

Alleviating financial burdens, especially for economically disadvantaged individuals.

3. Reducing Inequality

Addressing disparities by providing resources that bridge gaps in access to nutrition, clothing, and education.

Ensuring that no Divyang individual is left behind due to poverty or lack of resources.

4. Encouraging Participation

Motivating Divyang individuals to participate in educational and social activities actively.

Boosting their confidence and helping them integrate into mainstream society.

5. Raising Awareness

Highlighting the importance of supporting Divyang individuals and sensitizing society to their needs.

Encouraging community and organizational involvement to promote equality and inclusivity.

These initiatives Shri-Divyang not only address immediate challenges like hunger and lack of essentials but also pave the way for long-term empowerment through education and opportunity, ensuring that Divyang individuals lead a life of dignity, independence, and growth.

A Step Towards

SDG

The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, also known as the **Global Goals**, are a set of **17 interconnected goals** adopted by all United Nations Member States in **2015** as part of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. These goals are a universal call to action to **end poverty, protect the planet**, and ensure that all people enjoy **peace and prosperity** by 2030. The SDGs represent a comprehensive roadmap for achieving a better, more sustainable future for all by addressing **global challenges** such as poverty, inequality, climate change, and environmental degradation. Achieving these goals requires collaborative efforts from governments, organizations, communities, and individuals worldwide.

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

We have focused mainly on healthcare facilities that come under the SDG:3 Good Health & Wellbeing. **Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3)** aims to **ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages**. It is a critical goal as health is central to achieving sustainable development, reducing poverty, and enhancing the quality of life. Ensuring good health enables individuals to contribute effectively to economic growth and social development. SDG 3 seeks to create a world where everyone, regardless of their age, gender, or economic background, has access to quality healthcare services. Achieving SDG 3 is essential for building a sustainable and equitable society where **good health and well-being** are fundamental rights for all. It requires strong commitments, increased funding, and global cooperation to overcome challenges and ensure a healthier future for all.

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

Sustainable Development Goal 17 (SDG 17) focuses on strengthening global partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Recognizing that the SDGs can only be achieved through strong partnerships and collaboration among governments, the private sector, civil society, and individuals, this goal emphasizes international cooperation, resource mobilization, capacity-building, and technology sharing.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



WHAT IS THE GOAL HERE?
To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

WHY?
Despite great strides in improving people's health and well-being in recent years, inequalities in health care access still persist. More than six million children still die before their fifth birthday each year, and only half of all women in developing regions have access to the health care they need.

Epidemics like HIV/AIDS thrive where fear and discrimination limit people's ability to receive the services they need to live healthy and productive lives.

Access to good health and well-being is a human right. Everyone — not just the world's wealthiest — deserves access to the highest standards of health and health care.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Spending \$1 billion in immunization coverage can save 1 million children's lives each year.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Our Work

- Providing food for Divyang (differently-abled) people is a vital step towards fostering inclusivity and care. Ensuring accessibility in food distribution centers is crucial for their convenience and dignity. Nutritious and balanced meals should be tailored to meet their specific dietary and health needs. Empowering Divyang individuals through food security strengthens social bonds and uplifts communities.
- Providing free clothes for Divyang (differently-abled) individuals is a step toward empowering them with dignity. It ensures access to essential clothing, promoting comfort and self-confidence. Special designs and adaptive clothing can cater to their unique needs and enhance usability. By offering free clothes with care and respect, we build a more inclusive and compassionate society.
- Providing educational kits for Divyang (differently-abled) students helps bridge learning gaps and fosters inclusivity. Ensuring accessibility empowers them to learn effectively and achieve their academic goals. Community-driven initiatives and support from educational institutions can make this endeavor successful. By equipping them with the right resources, we encourage their confidence and independence. Such efforts promote equal opportunities, paving the way for an inclusive and educated society.

Case Studies

Viklang Ghrih

Hurhuru Forest Colony, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand

It is a residential handicapped school cum center where Divyang people are residing at the home. Total of 26 people are there age group between 12-30 years. Most of the people are mentally disabled, some of them physically specially abled. 4 caretakers take utmost care of them.

3rd December'2024, on occasion of International day of Person with Disabilities, we launch a Initiative named ' Shri-Divyang', under this initiative we facilitate Divyang people by providing free food. free cloth and educational kits. We promised to provide free food on every Sunday to them. It is very heart touching wherever we connect with them.

Residential Viklang School

Bamni,Sukrigara, Ramgarh

It is a residential handicapped school. Total of 35 students are in the school and 8 teachers are there. They are extraordinarily talented and have mastered in Sign Language. Each of them is unique with special ability. Under the Shri-Divyang Initiative , we arranged a dental camp for them and also provide free cloths & educational kit for them. The students are sharply engaged with all programs arranged by us. We promised to give a good health facility to them.

Face of Next Gen



Piyush Singh, a 12 year boy, from Bihar, residing at Residential Handicapped School is more known as Vikalang Math, Sukrigara , Ramgarh. He is a specially abled child who's lower limbs are not grown properly so he is unable to walk. But he is extraordinarily brilliant in the art of education. He is the brightest among all the students. He has mastered in Sign Language. He want to be a teacher.

he became a symbol of hope, proving that dreams, fueled by determination and kindness, could overcome any challenge. Through his journey, he taught the world that true strength lies not in our bodies but in our ability to rise above, to dream, and to inspire others to do the same.



Conclusion

In conclusion, 'Shri-Divyang' stands as a beacon of hope and dignity for our differently-abled community members. By providing essential healthcare services, nutritious meals, and clothing, this initiative addresses the fundamental needs that form the cornerstone of a dignified life. Our commitment goes beyond mere charity – it represents a step toward creating an inclusive society where every individual, regardless of their physical capabilities, has access to basic necessities and quality care. Through this program, we have witnessed not just the improvement in the physical well-being of our beneficiaries, but also a remarkable enhancement in their confidence and social participation. The ripple effects of this support extend to their families, who find much-needed relief from financial and caregiving burdens. As we move forward, we envision expanding our reach to serve more individuals, strengthening our support network, and inspiring similar initiatives across other regions. The support for Shri-Divyang is more than just aid – it's an investment in human dignity and social equity. Together, we can continue to build a more compassionate and accessible world for our differently-abled community members, ensuring that no one is left behind in their journey toward a better life.



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