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Subject: Instructions regarding Children with Special Needs (CwSN).

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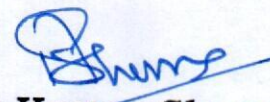
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Inclusive Education for CWSN has been one of the major interventions of the School Education Department. Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 recognize 21 Disability Conditions and recommend various provisions for Persons with Disability. It encourages equity-based inclusion in our society and inclusion of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) in regular schools while taking care of their special needs. *The Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 mandates free and compulsory elementary education to all children including CWSN. Section 3 (2) of the RTE Act lays impetus on the elementary education of children with disabilities.*

In this regard, all the Chief Education Officers of Jammu Division are instructed to direct HOIs of Schools (Govt. and Pvt.) to go through all the instructions and sections of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (**RPwD Act**) 2016, RTE Act 2009, Provisions for CWSN included under Samagra Shiksha and to ensure the following.

- Admit them without discrimination and provide education and opportunities for sports and recreation activities equally with others.
- Register all the CWSN on Prashast App.
- Make parents aware about UDID cards scheme for CWSN.
- Make building, campus and various facilities accessible.
- Provide reasonable accommodation according to the individual's requirements.
- Provide necessary support individualized or otherwise in environments that maximize academic and social development consistent with the goal of full inclusion
- Ensure that the education to persons who are blind or deaf or both is imparted in the most appropriate languages and modes and means of communication
- Detect specific learning disabilities in children at the earliest and take suitable pedagogical and other measures to overcome them.
- Monitor participation, progress in terms of attainment levels and completion of education in respect of every student with disability.

Useful Information about CWSN/Inclusive Education is annexed with the circular as **Annexure 'A'**. Further, it is impressed upon all HOIs, not to deny admission to CWSN; in case of any deviation in this regard action under rules will be initiated against the defaulters. In case of any grievance regarding CWSN Dr. Romesh Kumar (Grievance redressal officer for CWSN Jammu Division) can be contacted at 9419210200 Counsellingcell@dsej@gmail.com.


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Copy to the:

1. Principal Secretary, Government School Education Department, Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu for kind information.
2. Director SCERT for information.
3. State Project Director Samagra Shiksha for information.
4. Joint Directors School Education Jammu Division (All) for information please.
5. Chief Education Officer's (all), Jammu Division for information and n/a
6. Dr. Romesh Kumar, I/C Counselling Cell, DSEJ for information and necessary action.
7. I/C Website for uploading on the website.

Annexure 'A'

Information regarding CWSN

- **Inclusive Education:** Inclusive Education for CWSN is one of the major interventions of School education Department under Samagra Shiksha. The component provides support for various student oriented activities which include identification and assessment of children with special needs(CWSN), provision of aids & appliances, corrective surgeries, Braille books, large print books and uniforms, therapeutic services, development of teaching-learning material (TLM), assistive devices & equipments, environment building and orientation programme to create positive attitude and awareness about nature and needs of CWSN, purchase/development of instructional materials, in-service training of special educators and general teachers on curriculum adaptation, stipend for girls with special needs etc.
- **List 21 disabilities included in the RPWD Act 2016 of disabilities**

There are 21 disability conditions in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 (hereinafter RPWD Act 2016). The RPWD Act 2016 (Act 49 of 2016) was enacted by the Indian Parliament to fulfill India's obligation to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).
- Following are the 21 disabilities included in the RPWD Act 2016:

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, Hemophilia, Sickle Cell disease, Multiple Disabilities including deaf-blindness, Acid Attack victim, Parkinson's disease.
- **Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009:** The Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 mandates free and compulsory elementary education to all children including CWSN. This act provides a legal framework that entitles all children between the ages of 6-14 years free and compulsory admission, attendance and completion of elementary education. Section 3 (2) of the RTE Act lays impetus on the elementary education of children with disabilities. As per the Amendment of 2012, it also mandates that, a child with multiple and/or severe disabilities have the right to opt for home based education.
- **The objectives of the component are :**
 - Identification of children with disabilities at the school level and assessment of her/his educational needs.
 - Provision of aids and appliances, assistive devices, to the children with special needs as per requirement.
 - Removal of architectural barriers in schools so that CWSN have access to classrooms, laboratories, libraries, play/recreational area and toilets in the school.
 - Supplying appropriate teaching learning materials, medical facilities, vocational training support, guidance and counseling services and therapeutic services to children with special needs as per his/her requirement in convergence with line departments.
 - General school teachers will be sensitized and trained to teach and involve children with special needs in the general classroom.
 - For existing special educators, capacity building programs will be undertaken.
 - CwsN will have access to support services through special educators, establishment of resource rooms, vocational education, therapeutic services and counselling etc.

➤ **Innovative Material developed by NCERT**

Barkha: A Reading Series for 'All': The department has developed Barkha: A Reading Series for 'All' as an exemplary, inclusive learning material in the form of a supplementary early reading series. This reading series is available in print and digital formats.

Including Children with Autism in Primary Classrooms: Teacher's Handbook

The handbook has been developed for spreading awareness about Children with Autism (CwA) and covers the skills that will help the regular teachers to include CwA in mainstream classrooms. It focuses on the possible interventions and strategies that can be utilized in inclusive classrooms.

➤ **PRASHAST App**

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has introduced a new mobile app called PRASHAST (Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool) for Schools, aimed at enhancing the education system's inclusivity by identifying the specific needs and requirements of students with disabilities. The app will digitally screen such students, providing a comprehensive assessment of their abilities. PRASHAST is divided into two parts, Part-1 and Part-2 for the preliminary screening of students in schools to facilitate further referral to assessment camps for disability certification.

➤ **Exemptions provided by JKBOSE to CWSN:**

Various concessions provided by J&K BOSE to CWSN having 40 % disability for classes X, XI and XII are covered in notification no: F (Acad-C) CWSN/Exam/B/22 Dated: 25-04-2022 annexed.

<https://jkbose.nic.in/PageDoc/exemptionsprovidedtoCWSN dt 04.05.22.pdf>

➤ **UDID card**

UDID Card or **Unique Disability Identity card** is an initiative by Government of India with a view of creating a National Database for PwDs, and to issue a Unique Disability Identity Card to each person with disabilities. This aims to encourage transparency, efficiency and ease of delivering the government benefits to the person with disabilities, and to ensure uniformity. This will help in stream-lining the tracking of physical and financial progress of beneficiary at all levels of hierarchy of implementation – from village level, block level, District level, State level and National level.

Any citizen of India with full/partial disability can apply for UDID card at the website- <https://www.swavlambancard.gov.in/>. Department has issued assessment guidelines which are available on the web portal of UDID (<https://www.swavlambancard.gov.in/>) and of the Department (<https://disabilityaffairs.gov.in/>).

➤ **The book Educational Rights of Children with Special Needs (FAQs)**

Frequently Asked Questions is the result of a team effort to develop a comprehensive document to shed light on the provisions for the educational rights of all children, including those with special needs, under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 as well as the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016

➤ **Resource Persons working under Inclusive Education in Jammu in Division**

Sn o	Name of Participant	District	Designatio n	Place of Posting/District	Contact Number
1	Neha Kalra	Jammu	Resource Person	CEO Jammu	9419118546
2	Sawda Begum	Poonch	Resource Person	GMS Mendhar Poonch	8803116786
3	Anita Kumari	Udhampur	Resource Person	CEO Office Udhampur	7006042882

➤ **Data Base of Special Education Teachers/Resource centres in Jammu Division.**

S no	Name of SET	District	Designati on	Place of Posting/District	Contact No.
1	Manisha Goswami	Doda	Special Education Teacher	GBMS Bundoda Doda	9906068226
2	Neharika Ghai	Jammu	Special Education Teacher	Domana Jammu	9858639989
3	Amrita Devi	Jammu	Special Education Teacher	GHS Surechack Jammu	9797642540
4	Yogita Dogra	Jammu	Special Education Teacher	HS Domana Jammu	7889946592
5	Rachna Sharma	Jammu	Special Education Teacher	Ranbir HSS Jammu	7006634303
6	Sapna Verma	Jammu	Special Education Teacher	Ranbir HSS Jammu	9469515544
7	Mohinder Kumar	Kathua	Special Education Teacher	HS Rajbag Kathua	9858690790
8	Farhat Ahmad Rather	Kishtwar	Special Education Teacher	BHSS Kishtwar	9622769859
9	Renu Kundal	Rajouri	Special Education Teacher	BHSS Rajouri	9149770648
10	Mohd Latief Sheikh	Ramban	Special Education Teacher	HS Kaskoot Ramban	7006948727
11	Aisha Afreen Mir	Samba	Special Education Teacher	HS meen Sarkar Samba	78809561664
12	Payal Lachotra	Samba	Special Education Teacher	BHSS Domana Jammu	9419187718
13	Priyanka Thakur	Samba	Special Education Teacher	HS RARIAN Samba	7889693860
14	Sushma Rani	Samba	Special Education Teacher	HSS Ramgarh Samba	9018988515
15	Neena Devi	Samba	Special Education Teacher	MS Budhwani Samba	9858016265
16	Simranjeet Kaur	Udhampur	Special Education Teacher	GGHS Udhampur	8493030664
17	Deepti Dubey	Udhampur	Special Education Teacher	GGHS Udhampur	7780815517
