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# Rehabilitation Council of India news



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## WAY FORWARD



### From the Chairperson's Desk

The last issue of our Newsletter was 'Zonal Coordination Committees of RCI'. The theme for the current issue is 'The Way Ahead'. This covers the major decisions taken and plan of action suggested by various committees between January and March 2008 for our future course of action.

Major events during these three months include the All India Course Coordinators' Meet in which we observed that decisions taken were not one sided and that the opinions and decisions of the participants were taken on board. This, we hope, will ensure better implementation of decisions that we took together.

Inauguration of our web portal 'punarbhava.in' by the Honourable Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Smt. Meira Kumar was another highlight. This portal is a joint venture of RCI and Media Lab Asia. Launching of the Punarbhava web portal is expected to open the flood gates of knowledge and information to persons with disabilities, their family members, professionals, researchers and all those who are connected with this field. It is rightly said that information is power, therefore, this is yet another attempt by RCI to empower persons with disabilities.

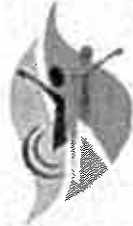
I am not going to highlight each and every event here, detailed description is given in the following pages. However, readers are requested to send their candid opinions with possible solutions to the issues raised. This will enable our professionals to provide better quality services to persons with disabilities.

Credit for streamlining the manner in which our departments work goes to Dr. Ashok Kumar Sinha, our Member Secretary, who joined us in February. However, suggestions to further improve our systems of working are always welcome.

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# Punarbhava.in

National Interactive Web Portal on Disability

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A Handbook on Social Welfare Statistics - 2007 was also released by the Hon'ble Minister in the same function. The Handbook contains social welfare statistics relating to schemes and programmes implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment as well as other Ministries of the Government of India working for the socially disadvantaged sections of population during the Tenth Plan Period. Besides, the data on social indicators pertaining to population, demographic trends, literacy levels and employment status are also included.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated SAFA - Screen Access for All. The SAFA will enable a large number of people with disabilities, specifically those with visual impairment to not only operate a computer using speech output support for the windows environment in 13

Indian languages, but will also enable them to browse the net, check e-mails, use Excel and other softwares and search for information independently. The Media Lab Asia is providing the technical support and expertise in collaboration with National Association for the Blind. The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to which India is one of the first and foremost signatories, also provides for the use of enabling technologies for communication and access of persons with disabilities.

**Meeting of Executive Committee of RCI held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008 was Chaired by Chairperson of RCI, Major General (Retd) Ian Cardozo, and attended by Shri Ashish Kumar, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. R. R. Kanaujia, Dr. Bela Shah, Dr. H.C. Goyal, Dr. (Mrs.) Prabha R.A. Ghate, Dr. A.K. Sinha, Member Secretary, RCI.**

## Hon'ble Union Minister takes Review Meeting of the Functioning of RCI

Review meeting of the functioning of RCI was taken by Smt. Meira Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 11 AM in the Minister's chamber. Chairperson, RCI apprised the Hon'ble Minister about the various activities of RCI. The Hon'ble Minister suggested that more and more people should be trained at the grass root level to make Inclusive Education successful, to reach out to people, and make use of technology for the benefit of people. The Hon'ble Minister complimented the efforts of RCI in human resource development to serve the persons with disabilities.



*Dr. Ashok Kumar Sinha* Reader in Audiology and Speech Pathology and Assistant Director, All Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata Joined RCI as Member Secretary on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 on deputation basis. He has more than twenty-five years of experience in academics and research in the area of rehabilitation of persons with hearing and/ or speech-language disorders. His brief deputation as Director CRCPWD, Srinagar in the year 2003 and association with other organizations helped him to interact with persons with locomotor and visual disabilities.

His work in the field of CROS hearing aids, fetched him National Award for the Welfare of Persons with Disabilities in the year 2002. He has number of national and international publications including four scientific best paper awards to his credit. He is Clinical Director of Healthy Hearing and involved in hearing screening of persons with intellectual disability at Special Olympics, USA.

#### Meeting with Representatives of Manipal University for Reducing Exam Fee

#### Decisions taken in the meeting with representatives of Manipal University held on 12.3.2008 at RCI, New Delhi:

1. Member Secretary brought to the attention of representatives of the Manipal University that fees mutually accepted for Certificate & Diploma courses of Rs.200/- per theory paper and Rs.200/- per practical paper are much higher in proportion to the tuition fees charged from the candidates specially in Certificate/Diploma courses.
2. A proposal to the Manipal University to reduce its examination fees was discussed at length and it was concluded that the examination fee can be brought down by taking appropriate measures such as clubbing of practical papers, reducing remuneration paid for conducting examinations, reducing incidental charges from the Centres as practiced when the examination was being conducted by National Institutes, and reducing expenditure incurred by Manipal University in conducting examinations. If expenditure on remuneration paid to the examiners, evaluators, moderators, water, electricity and rent charges, if reduced to approximately 30%, and 10%

contribution from training centres as incidental charges are charged and also 10% reduction is made in the expenses by Manipal University, then cost of examination at Certificate and Diploma level courses would be around Rs.500/- to Rs.600/- per candidate per year for a course.

3. Suggested measures to bring down the cost of conducting examination proposed were:
  - (a) Each training centre should be home centre for examination
  - (b) Training Centre staff involved in Examination such as Superintendent, Invigilators, Waterman need not be paid any remuneration.
  - (c) Internal Examiner selected from the training centre need not be paid any remuneration.
  - (d) External Examiner to be paid TA/DA as per Central Govt. Rules. Wherever pay scale is not available, the Examiners pay scale will be treated as minimum of Group A Staff for the purpose of paying TA/DA.
  - (e) No hall rent, electricity charges, water charges to be paid to the training Centre.
  - (f) Remuneration for paper evaluation and practical may be restricted to Rs.10/- per candidate.
4. In order to have 10% contribution from the training centres, it was decided to charge from training centres apart from affiliation fee of Rs.1000/- an additional Rs.5000/- per course as incidental charges which will be inclusive of fee for mark-sheet and certificate and RCI registration.
5. It was decided that the representatives of Manipal University should bring to the notice of their higher authorities the need to cut down Manipal University expenses by at least 10% of the cost as arrived at from the Statement of Accounts submitted for previous examinations.
6. Estimated cost of examination per paper worked out to less than Rs.100/- per paper as stated at Point No.3.
7. RCI and Manipal University will prepare a detailed report as per above recommendations and work out the examination fees, which will be applicable for December 2008 Examination. In view of larger number of students enrolled for examinations for 2008-09 batches it would be appropriate if examination fees per year for Diploma and Certificate course be brought down so as to not exceed Rs.600/-, irrespective of number of papers so that the burden of examination fees especially on economically poor students is reduced.

Sd/-  
(Dr. A.K. Sinha)  
Member Secretary

Sd/-  
(Major General (Retd.)  
Ian Cardozo)  
Chairperson

## All India Course Coordinators Meet

About 150 participants and officials from all over the country met and discussed various issues pertaining to grant of recognition, registration, Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) programs, and implementation of revised syllabi during the All India Course Coordinators Meet held at Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March, 2008. Important decisions made were:

1. In view of the meeting with representatives of Manipal University on 12/3/08 to bring down the Examination fees, it was proposed that the practical papers can be clubbed. In order to reduce the examination fee per paper, the present examination fees as communicated will remain the same and if any changes are to be implemented, they will be applicable only from December 2008 Examination.
2. Training Centres will submit a copy of advertisement for admission released by them indicating recognition of the course given by RCI. The RCI will host the advertisement on its website for wider publicity.
3. Training Centres to begin course and examination related activities as per the guidelines and timeline (date of commencement of course will be 1.7.'08 and date of completion of admission, 31.7.'08).
4. Some of the Course Coordinators to be included in Expert Committees.
5. Manual for all courses to be made available in regional languages.
6. Translation of question paper to be done 30 minutes prior to exam and copy of translated question paper to be sent along with answer sheets.
7. For 2008-09 the institutions willing to conduct the course and who have applied for extension for recognition may be granted recognition based on their past performance as a one time special measure and all the institutions either for extension or for running new course at Diploma and Certificate level must apply to RCI by 31<sup>st</sup> May of every year and RCI will communicate extension of recognition by February of the next year so that no training centre runs a course without recognition of RCI.
8. For all Diploma and Certificate level courses, the intake capacity is increased to 25 candidates with additional 15% of the seats for NRI students. Admission to NRI students to be governed as per Govt. of India Rules
9. Zonal Coordination Committees may be involved in the Registration work at local level by means of conducting camps in order to facilitate on the spot registration. RCI to initiate process of in-built registration while providing certificates.
10. Course Coordinators were informed to send the topics for conducting Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) programs throughout the year (April to February) so that CRE programmes are conducted during the whole year. Proposal for new topics may also be submitted by the coordinators which will be examined before grant of approval to the proposal.
11. Renewal of registration based on CRE credit may be extended to paper presentation at National and International level, key note addresses, guest lecture etc.
12. Training centres to apply for Accreditation in proforma prescribed by RCI latest by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008.
13. All study centres to have a Placement Cell with one staff assigned the additional responsibility of Placement Officer for providing better job opportunity to their students.

Sd/-  
(Dr. A.K. Sinha)  
Member Secretary

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(Major General (Retd)  
Ian Cardozo)  
Chairperson



All India Course Coordinators  
Meet in progress

## Review of Bachelor's in Rehabilitation Therapy (BRT) Course Curriculum

A meeting of experts was held to review Bachelor's in Rehabilitation Therapy (BRT) Course Curriculum on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March at RCI office, New Delhi. Important decisions taken in the meeting were:

After the self introduction of the members, Dr. S.K. Mishra of RCI welcomed the experts in the meeting and gave a brief background of the decisions taken in the previous meeting held on 21/08/07 and outlined the agenda for the two day meeting. Major Gen Ian Cardozo, Chairman RCI and Dr. A. K. Sinha, Member Secretary RCI addressed the expert members highlighting the need for thorough and careful review of the courses to provide best quality of therapeutic services to the persons with disabilities.

The members were requested to give their opinion on the existing curriculum. Some members suggested change in nomenclature while few advocated for annual system of examination in place of existing semester system. Some members showed their concern for lack of job opportunities and low remuneration for BRT passed out candidates. Others suggested introduction of a Master level course in Rehabilitation Therapy. It was also suggested that an existing course approved by RCI, namely, B.R.Sc. should also be consulted for finalizing the course content of BRT course.

Dr. R.K.Hora in his presentation pointed out the need for review of BRT course, which is operational at NIMH Regional Centre Delhi headed by him. He presented the status of the course vis-a-vis employability, remuneration, infrastructure, course structure etc. Dr. Hora in his second presentation dwelt on the decisions taken in the last meeting and proposed the revised course content for discussion in the meeting

The experts formed groups to deliberate on the content of the course and specific norms and guidelines such as objectives, roles, employability, admission to higher level courses etc.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. The revised course with modified objectives and roles were framed by Dr. R.K. Hora & Mrs. Vijay Bahl.
2. The following nomenclatures were suggested for the BRT course by a group consisting of Dr. Usha Grover & Mr. K. Bala Bhaskar:
  - a) Bachelor in Inclusive Rehabilitation (BIR) in line with the current trend of the country
  - b) Bachelor in Disability Rehabilitation (BDR)
  - c) Bachelor in Disability Rehabilitation Sciences (BDRSc.)
  - D) Bachelor in Rehabilitation Sciences (BRS) Out of the above, B.D.R.Sc. was found to be the most suitable nomenclature matching with the

objectives of the course

3. It was unanimously decided that the semester system should be continued for better coverage of the syllabus. However, the practical activities should continue throughout the course cutting across all the disabilities for maintaining continuity.
4. For higher education, following courses approved by the RCI were suggested for BRT passed out candidates for admission to Masters, PG Diploma and B.Ed. courses in the field of Rehabilitation and Special Education:
  - a) Master in Disability Rehabilitation Administration (MDRA)
  - b) Masters in Disability Studies (Early Intervention)
  - c) Master in Rehabilitation Science (M.R.Sc.)
  - d) PG Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology
  - e) PG Diploma in Disability Rehabilitation Management (PGDDRM)
  - f) PG Diploma in Special Education (Multiple Disabilities: Physical & Neurological)
  - g) PG Diploma in Developmental Therapy (Multiple Disabilities: Physical & Neurological)
  - h) B.Ed. Special Education
  - i) P.G. Diploma in Early Intervention
4. For better employability of BRT passed out candidates, it was suggested that visitors to the institute such as officials from various special as well as general schools and NGOs should be exposed to the clinical work performed by the trainees. A group of experts comprising Mrs. Asha Sethi & Mrs. Sushma Bhagi in the meeting felt that this is an issue which needs to be looked at the applications of skills learnt during the course in the existing set-ups to cater to the needs of persons with disabilities.

Following avenues were suggested for employment:

To create opportunities for employment, the following existing set ups can be looked for employment:

- DDRCs, DRCs, CBR programmes as rehabilitation therapist in early identification programme planning, intervention, and appropriate referral.
  - Special Schools to monitor the needs of children with locomotor disabilities, speech and language impairments, and associated conditions.
  - Vocational Centres to improve gross motor and fine motor coordination.
  - Hospitals as Developmental Therapists
- In order to increase employment avenues, the following steps should be initiated by NIMH, RC, New Delhi

- Create awareness among the visitors about the BRT course and skills of BRT professionals in handling different disabilities.
  - Organize workshops with principals of general schools for inclusion of BRT professionals as disability counselors in the inclusive setup and also for setting up the resource room and also as disability trainees in helping the teachers in handling the child with disability in the class room.
  - To find avenues in nursery and primary schools for identification, assessment and intervention and appropriate referral.
  - Contact municipal authorities such as NDMC, MCD for employment in old age homes, special schools.
  - Explore employment avenues in anti-natal clinics, pediatric clinics, geriatric clinics, and hospitals for early identification management and referral.
  - To promote through Career Melas.
  - To contact district administration for induction as District level Coordinator for screening and developing programmes.
6. Revised course will be implemented from the academic session 2009-10.
  7. The curriculum will be finalized and rectified in subsequent meeting.

### Norms of CRE Revised

- 1 In an internal meeting, it was decided that:
  - a) Altogether 10 days of CRE programmes are to be attended within a span of 7 years for renewal of registration.
  - b) Credit equivalent to 3 days of CRE are to be given for publication of an article in an international journal or publication of a book on special education / rehabilitation (more than 100 pages). Credit equivalent to 1 day of CRE to be given for publication of an article in a national journal/ newspaper/ contribution of a chapter in a book/ keynote address/ guest speaker in a national level seminar approved by RCI.
  - c) The Council will continue to provide financial contribution of Rs.20,000/- for 5 days CRE programme as per existing norms.
  - d) Each Institute will be asked to send resource material in soft as well as hard copy to enable the Council to put the resource material on RCI website.
  - e) Topics / themes approved by RCI will be selected by the institutes, however, institutes

may also send their own CRE topics for approval.

- f) The practice of sending blank CRE certificates to the institutions has been discontinued with Immediate effect. The certification will be available online subject to receipt of list of participants with their CRR No., father/husband's name and CRE attendance sheet along with audited utilization certificate, income expenditure statement, and report etc.
  - g) It was decided to have a target of 250 CRE programmes during 2008-09.
- 2 Seminar/Conference/Workshops organized by RCI recognized institutions will be financially supported by RCI as per existing norms. The organization sending the proposal must submit the topic, list of resource persons, list of participants, duration of the programme etc. in advance. Minimum of 25% of the participants must have registration with RCI. Other conditions such as publication of advertisement or/and article on RCI in the report, display of RCI sponsorship on the banner, will continue to apply.
  - 3 Publication of RCI Newsletter and RCI Journal to be expedited and pending issues to be sent for publication by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008.
  - 4 The progress with regard to preparation for the conduct of examinations by Manipal University and Care Givers exam by RCI was found to be satisfactory.
  - 5 Research proposals will be directly handled by Dr. S.K. Mishra after the release of grants by the Ministry on this account.

Sd/-  
(Dr. A.K Sinha)  
Member Secretary



Participants of a CRE programme



NAVSHIKHAR CHANNEL LIVE PROGRAMMES HELD FROM JAN - MARCH 2008

Sl. No.	Date	Topic	Expert	Time of Telecast
1.	9/1/2008	An Introduction to VI, causes, prevention, early intervention	Dr. Gitika Mathur	2 pm to 4 pm
3.	10/1/2008	Special Education - Planning & Management - VI	Dr. S.R. Mittal & Dr. R.B.L.Soni	2 pm to 4 pm
4.	17/1/2008	Low vision-Identification & Rehabilitation	Prof. Manjeet Singh	2 pm to 4 pm
5.	22/1/2008	Activities of Daily Living - VI	Ms.Brijbala Bartwal & Ms. Shalini Methews	2 pm to 4 pm
6.	23/1/2008	Introduction to Teaching of Braille	Prof.C.D.Tamboli, Ms.Hemlata & Mr. V. Taygi	2 pm to 4 pm
7.	24/1/2008	Prosthetics and Orthotics Introduction & Practlce	Dr. Sharad Ranga & Mr. Rajnish Sharma	2 pm to 4 pm
8.	31/1/2008	Assistive Devices - HI & VI	Mr. R.P. Singh & Mr. V.P. Shah	2 pm TO 4 pm
9.	6/2/2008	Hello RCI	Dr. Subodh Kumar	2 pm TO 3 pm
10.	6/2/2008	Planning & Management of Special education - HI	Ms.Varsha Gathoo	3 pm To 5 pm
11.	7/2/2008	Activities of Daily Living -HI	Mr J.C.Gupta	2 pm TO 4 pm
12.	12/2/2008	Task Analysis, teaching strategies - MR	Dr.Usha Grover & Ms. Stuti Gaur	2 pm TO 4 pm
13.	13/2/2008	Early Intervention & Medical Rehabilitation	Mrs. Anuradha Banthwal	2 pm to 4 pm
14.	14/2/2008	Planning & Preparation of IEP - MR	Dr.Usha Grover & Ms. Stuti Gaur	2 pm to 4 pm
15.	21/2/2008	Assistive Devices - Locomotor/Cerebral Palsy	Dr. Dharmendra Kumar , Mr. Ujwala Shanker & Ms. Mridu Bhatia	2 pm to 4 pm
16.	27/2/2008	Concept of Intelligence & Tools used in testing - MR	Mr. Ashutosh Kumar	2 pm to 4 pm
17.	28/2/2008	Inclusive Education-HI	Ms Suni Methews	2 pm to 4 pm
18.	4/3/2008	Inclusive Education-VI	Dr. Sree Priya	2 pm to 4 pm
19.	5/3/2008	Inclusive Education-MR	Dr. Usha Grover & Mr. Himanshu Das	2 pm to 4 pm
20.	11/3/2008	Inclusive Education-MR	Ms. Merry Barua	2 pm to 4 pm
21.	12/3/2008	Early Intervention & Medical Rehabilitation for MR	Dr. R.K. Hora	2 pm to 4 pm
22.	13/3/2008	Early Intervention and other interventions - ASD	Mr. Viveka Chattopdhyya & Ms. Priti Siwach	2 pm to 4 pm
23.	18/3/2008	Pre-vocational and Vocational Training (DB & ASD)	Ms Nandita Saran, Ms Daya Rani & Ms Indu Chaswal	2 pm to 4 pm
24.	20/3/2008	Mobility Training (DB)	Ms. Brijbala Bartwal	2 pm to 4 pm
25.	25/3/2008	Activities of Daily Living - DB & ASD	Ms.Poonam, Ms Monica & Viveka Chattopdhy	2 pm TO 4 pm
26.	26/3/2008	Pre-vocational and Vocational Training - MR	Dr.Usha Grover / Mr. Himanshu Das	2 pm TO 4 pm

TRANSMISSION TIMINGS OF NAVSHIKHAR CHANNEL EXTENDED

From 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 the transmission timings of Navshikhar Channel of RCI has been extended to 10 AM to 5 PM on all working days from the earlier timings of 2 PM to 4 PM.

Workshops/Seminar/Conference Sponsored by RCI (Jan-March 2008)

S.No	Workshop/Seminar/Conference	Name of the Institute/Organizer	Date of Program
1.	"Applied Behaviour Analysis/Verbal Behaviour-Demo workshop"	SAMVAAD Institute of Speech & Hearing, Bangalore	2-3 January 2008
2.	"34th National Annual conference of Indian Association of Clinical Psychologist"	University of Calcutta, Kolkata	7-9 January 2008
3.	"36th Annual national Conference of IAPMR (IAPMRCON-2008)"	Sweekar Rehabilitation Institute for Handicapped, Secunderabad	18-22 January '08
4.	XVIII National Conference of OPSI-2008	Space Times, Hyderabad	23-25 January '08
5	National Rehabilitation Science Congress	Indian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, New Delhi	1-2 March 2008

## Continuing Rehabilitation Education Programmes

Continuing Rehabilitation Education Programmes / Refresher Programmes are sponsored/ approved to update the knowledge and skills of professional / personnel to provide quality services to the persons with disabilities. During January 2008 to March 2008, CRE programmes on different topics covering all area of disabilities were sponsored / approved as per the detail given below:

S.No.	Name of Institution	Topics of CRE/Refresher Courses	Date/Month
1	Modern College of Special Education, Pune	Parent- Infant programme & Mothers Training	January 2008
2	Space times, Hyderabad	OPSI-2008	23-25 January '08
3	I.I. P & O, New Delhi	New Innovation with Field of Prosthetics	29-31 January '08
4	AYJNIHH, Bandra, Mumbai	Ear Mould Making and Hearing Aid Repair	18-22 Feb. '08 & 25 -29 Feb. '08
5	Dept. of Rehabilitation Sciences, Holy Cross College, Tirucharapalli	Early Childhood Special Education (MR)	February 2008
6	Integrated Institute for the Disabled, Varanasi	Behaviour Management of Persons with M.R	18-22 Feb '08
7	Modern College of Special Education, Pune	Integrated Education of Children with H.I	February 2008
8	Hashu Advani College of Special Education, Mumbai	Development of Intelligible Speech	25-29 Feb 2008
9	SPASTAN, Chennai	Using basic Neuro Development Therapy (NDT)	25-29 Feb. '08
10	Avinashlingam University for Woman	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	25-29 Feb '08
11	Ayodhya Charitable Trust, Pune	Integrated Education of Children with H.I.	25-29 Feb '08
12	SPASTAN Chennai	Training Children with CP and M.D Including V.I in Classroom setup	10-14 March '08
13	Helen Keller Institute for the Deaf & Deafblind, Mumbai	Communication approaches and strategies of Teaching Used Currently in Education of Deaf	March 2008
14	Integrated Institute for the Disabled, Varanasi	Inclusive Education for Children with H.I	4- 8 March 2008
15	Sneha Sadan College of Special Education , Ernakulam	Disability Management Rehabilitation	25-29 March '08
16	T.C.T.V.H, Amravati	Trends in Material Development	11-15 March '08
17	Avinashlingam University for Woman	Method of Teaching Maths to V.I Children	24-28 March '08
18	Ayodhya Charitable Trust, Pune	Parent- Infant Programme Mothers Training	24-28 March '08
19	Indian Institute of Health Education & Research, Patna	Management of Secondary Disability	March 2008
20	Jewl's International Chetna College of special Education, Bhubaneshwar	Vocational Training and Placement	3-7 March 08
21	Shri Shah K.L. Institute for the Deaf, Gujrat	Screening Procedure for Early Identification	March 2008
22	Prabodhini Teachers Training Centre, Nashik	Leisure time Activity	10-14 March

23	Dilkhush Teachers training Centre, Juhu, Mumbai	Updating Teaching Skills	5-9 March 2008
24	Mrs. Ann Fischer Training Institute for Special Education	Training Programme in Special Education	18-22 March '08
25	TEPSE & HEPSN Centre, JNV University Jodhpur	Research in MR	10-14 March '08
26	NIMH, Secunderabad	Refresher/Certificate Courses – Total 57	Every month 3-4
27	DISHA, Hisar Road Sirsa	Recent trends in Prevention Identification Intervention & Rehabilitation	1-5 March '08
28	Sri Dakshinya Bhav Samiti, Guntur	Prevention Early Identification and Early Intervention	18-22nd March '08
29	Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal, Ajmer	Integrated & Inclusive Education	11-15 March '08
30	St. John The Baptist College of Special Education, Kerala	Application of Technology in Education and Training	24-28 March '08
31	Thakur Hari Prasad Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Hyderabad	Social Security Legal aspects in MR	11-15 March '08
32	Thakur Hari Prasad Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Hyderabad	Developing Communication Skills in MR	25-29 March '08
33	Govt. Institute for MR Children, Chandigarh	Behaviour Management of Persons with MR	24-28 March '08
34	SHELTER, Hooghly	Behaviour Management of Persons with MR	17-21 March '08
35	Israji Devi Shikshan Sansthan, Allahabad	Planning and Implementation of CBR Program for Rehabilitation of VI	8-12 March '08
37	Manovikas, Kerela, Kollam	Multi Disciplinary Team Approach in Rehabilitation of the Disabled	14-19 March '08
38	Navjeevan College of Special Education, Nandyal	H.I with Additional Disabilities	10-14 March '08
39	Open Learning System Centre, Bhubaneswar	Community Based Programme for Children with CP and MR	27-31 March '08
40	J.M. Institute of Speech and M.R, Patna	Parent Infant Programme & Mothers Training	March 2008
41	J.M. Institute of Speech and M.R, Patna	Integrated Education of Children with H.I	March 2008
42	Gujrat Kelvani Trust, Ahmedabad	Disability Rehabilitation Management	10-14 March '08
43	Manovikas Kendra, T.T.C. Unit, Kolkata	Transition from School to Work	5-9 March '08
44	T.C.T.V.H Bhubaneswar	Preparing Institutional Material for teaching of Various Curricular area to V.I	24-28 March '08
45	Blind Welfare Council, Dahod	Integrated Education of Children with H.I	1-5 March '08
46	Blind Welfare Council, Dahod	Teaching Braille Reading & writing to Children with V.I	26-30 March '08
47	Bikashayn Institute for The Persons with M.R, Kolkata	Prevention Early Identification and Early Intervention	24-28 March '08
48	Helen Keller Institute of Research & Rehabilitation for the Disabled Children, Secunderabad	Parent Infant Mother Training Programme	8-12 March '08

49	North Eastern Regional Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Guwahati	Early Childhood Special Education	10-14 March '08
50	Montfort Centre for Education, Tura	Integrated Education of Children with H.I	26-30 March '08
51	N.K.T. National College of Education for Woman, Chennai	Rehabilitation of People with Low Vision	24-28 March '08
52	PNR Society for relief & Rehabilitation of Disabled, Bhavnagar	Training Young Children with C.P & M.D with V.I	25-29 March '08
53	Paschim Banga Rajya Pratibandhi Sammillanee, Kolkata	All India Congress of Rehabilitation Professionals on Theme "Rehabilitation and Inclusion	4-6 March '08
54	Paschim Banga Sarva Shiksha Mission, Kolkata	Cross Disability Orientation Program of Special Education	25Feb.-2March' 08
55	Akanasha Lions school for Mentally Handicapped, Raipur	Barrier Free Access for PWD	12-16 March '08
56	Medical Care Centre Trust, K.G.P Children Hospital, Vadodara	Early Childhood special education	17-21 March '08
57	Sai Education Society's Sai Karna Badhir Adhyapak Vidyalaya, Kolhapur	I.E.P for Children with H.I	24-28 March '08
58	KVM College of Special Education, KVM Trust, Alpuzha	Research on M.R	March 2008
59	Centre Institute on Mental Retardation, Thiruvananthapuram	Integrated & Inclusive Education	March 2008
60	Chakradhar Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Bhubaneshwar	Barrier free Access for Persons with Locomotor Impaired	26-30 March '08
61	Training Institute of Multi Rehabilitation Technology, Changanassery	Training Young Children with C.P & M.D with V.I	25-29 March '08
62	Govt Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chennai	Management of Neuropathic Limit with Reference to Prevention of Secondary Disability	March 2008
63	Alakendu Bodh Niketan Residential, Kolkata	Transition from School to work for Persons with M.R	26-30 March 2008
64	Pradip Centre for Autism Management, 24Pargana (W.B)	Sensory Integration of Autism	23-27 January '08

*List of Training Institutions Recognized During January - March 2008*

**Fresh Proposals**

January 2008			
S.No	Name of the Institute	Course	Recognition period
•	Prachya Sodh Peeth- Prayas Sansthan, 30-BC-1 Road, Bhopal Pura – Udaipur, Rajasthan-313001.	Foundation Course in Care Giving	2008-09 & 2009-10
•	Jan Chetna Sansthan 60M/44, Nawab Yusuf Road, Civil Lines, Allahabad	Foundation Course in Care Giving	2007-08
February 2008			
•	Rural India Medical and Relief Society (RIMRS), Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Ayyakanna, St. New Pet., Palamner-8,Chittoor(Dt.) Andhra Pradesh	Foundation Course in Care Giving	2008-09
March 2008			
•	M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly - 243006.	1. B.Ed.Spl. Edn. (HI) 2. B.Ed. Spl.Edn.(LD)	1. 2007-08 to 2008-09 2. 2007-08

## Extension of Approval

January, 2008			
S.No	Name of the Institute	Course	Recognition period
•	Helen Keller's Institute of Research and Rehabilitation for the Disabled Children, Bank Colony, Ramakrishnapuram, Secunderabad-56	BASLP	2006-07 & 2007-08
•	All India Institute for Speech & Hearing, Nalmisham Campus, Manasa Gangotri, Mysore - 570 006	M.Sc (Audiology)	2007-08 to 2011-12
March 2008			
•	J.M. Institute of Speech & Hearing, Inder Puri, P.O. Keshri Nagar, Patna - 23	DSE (HI)	2007-08 to 2011-12
•	Faculty of Education, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Kamachha, Varanasi.	1. B.Ed Spl. Edu (MR) 2. B.Ed Spl. Edn (HI)	2007-08 2007-08 to 2009-10
•	Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, (IICP (Formerly Spastic Society of Eastern India), P-35/1, Taratolla Road, Kolkata - 700 088	Foundation Course in Care Giving	2007-08, 2008-09 to 2009-10

Registration in Central Rehabilitation Register of  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, March 2008

Duration	Profnsls.	P E R S N N E L			Total Profnsls. & Persnl.	Cumm. Persnl.	Cumm. Profnsls.	Cumm. Total
		Regular	FC	Total Persnl.				
Jan, 2008	238	471	41	512	750	26168	10119	36287
Feb, 2008	64	484	64	548	612	26716	10183	36899
Mar, 2008	201	481	2	483	684	27197	10384	37581
<b>Total</b>	<b>503</b>			<b>1543</b>	<b>2046</b>			

Profnsls. - Professionals      Persnl. - Personnel

Activities of Zonal Coordination  
Committees (ZC) during January  
March 2008

**Eastern Zone: Coordinator:** Shri Ashok Chakraborty

**States covered:** Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa

**Nodal Centre:** SHELTER, Society for Help, Education, Love, Training & Employment for the Retarded, 3, Kalbati Lane, Bhadreswar, Hooghly 712 124

- ✍ A workshop entitled "Job Opportunities in Disability Sector Orientation of College and School Students was organized at Siliguri, Darjeeling District on 19<sup>th</sup> January 08.
- ✍ Parents Awareness programme at Muzzaffarpur, Bihar was organized in January 08. There responses from the parents showed that there was very poor knowledge about the early identification and management of children with disabilities.
- ✍ Another workshop was organized at Nimapara, Puri District, Orissa on "Career Courses in Disability Sector" in Feb 08.

**Northern Zone : Coordinator:** Mrs. Sara Jhonson

**States covered:** Haryana, Punjab, Utharanchal,

**Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh.**

**Nodal Centre:** Vocational Rehabilitation Training Centre, Hibowal Road, Opp. Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana-141001 (Punjab)

- ✍ A workshop on Sensitization of disability concept for the grassroots level workers was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 08 at Sahyog Bai Shraavan Viklang Kalyan Samiti, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. The aim of the workshop was to sensitize the grassroots level workers about disability for early detection.
- ✍ Another workshop was organized for Block Officials on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 08 at Arpan Mansik Mand Gramin Punarvas Kendra, Kalanur, Haryana, with a objective to sensitize Block Officials about early identification and spreading awareness about disability.
- ✍ A one day workshop on disability, types, behaviour, management of disabled children and rights of disabled children was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> March 08 at Fatehabad, Haryana. About 100 participants attended the workshop, which has brought tremendous response among the rural people as many of the parents of the disabled children were not aware of the rights of the children with disability as well as their behavior management.

➤ A Seminar on "Inclusive Education" was organized at RAPHAEL, Dehradun on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 08. A total of 65 participants attended the seminar which included the State Coordinator SSA, District & Assistant Coordinators, Principals and Teachers of Govt. Primary Schools and Special Schools. This workshop has created a good awareness of the need and importance of Inclusive education in the State of Uttaranchal.

**Southern I Zone: Coordinator: Mrs. Indumathi Rao**

**States covered:** Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka

**Nodal Centre:** CBR Network (South Asia), 134, 1<sup>st</sup> Block, 6<sup>th</sup> Main, 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase, BSK, Bangalore 85

➤ A workshop on "What are the challenges we face?" was organized in collaboration with Centre for Public Policy, IIM, Bangalore and CBR NETWORK (South Asia) on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore.

**Southern-II Zone: Coordinator: Dr. Kunh Ahmed Kutty**

**States covered:** Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andaman & Nicobar, Pondicherry

**Nodal Centre:** AWH Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Rehmania Special School for the Handicapped, Calicut Medical College, P.O. Calicut 673 008

➤ **One Day Seminar on "Legislative Measures on Disability"**

A one day seminar on "Legislative Measures on Disability" was organized at MAHE, Pondicherry State on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008. The participants were professionals, parents and persons with disabilities. A total of 81 participants attended the programme.

➤ **RCI Registration Campaign- A Unique Experience from Kerala**

Rehabilitation Council of India has added a new feather in its glorious service in rehabilitation area by conducting a State-wise registration camps at Trivandrum, Ernakulam, and Calicut in Kerala from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008 under the aegis of Zonal Coordination Committee- Southern II. A total of 798 registration certificates were issued (see table)

### On-the-Spot Registration Camps in Kerala At a glance

Date	Venue	No. of Certificates Issued
26-2-2008	Trivandrum	239
27-2-2008	Ernakulum	284
28-2-2008	Calicut	275
	<b>Total</b>	<b>798</b>



Some of the professionals who had successfully completed their professional course years back came for fresh registration during the campaign. Few professionals wanted to renew the registration and others wanted to enter the additional qualifications in registration certificates.

**Western Zone: Coordinator: Dr. Bhushan Punani**

**States covered:** Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Rajasthan

**Nodal Centre:** Blind People's Association, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Road Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380005 Gujarat

The National Association for the Blind, Jamnagar hosted a one-day Workshop on sensitization of Rehab Professionals from Saurashtra in Gujarat on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2008. The Workshop was conducted by leading renowned workers including Mr. G J Vachhani, General Secretary of the National Association for the Blind; Mr. Ranchhod Soni, and Mr. Tarak Luhar. Mr. Prakash Mankodi, leading Rehab Professional from Saurashtra, coordinated the Workshop. About 80 special Educators and other Rehab Professionals from Saurashtra participated in the Workshop. The presentations were made on United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; new initiatives of the Rehabilitation Council of India; and the proposed amendments to Persons with Disabilities Act.

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