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**Strengthening of National Institute for Persons with Disability is our priority
says Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment**

The Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot chaired the Review Meeting of National Institute here today. On this occasion the Minister of State Shri Sudarshan Bhagat and Secretary (Department of Disability) Smt. Stuti Kakkar were also present.

Welcoming the National Institutes the Minister said that the interaction would be very fruitful as the Department of Disability has a pivotal role in empowerment and rehabilitation of Person with Disability.

The Minister stressed on the need to strengthen human resource development, rehabilitation services and R&D Programmes of the seven National Institutes and opening of Composite Regional Center (CRSs) and Regional centers (RCs) of National Institutes in all states . He also emphasized the need to create infrastructure and capacity building at district level for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to the Persons with Disability at the grass root level.

The objectives of this review meeting is to cater to the requirement of specific Disabilities; to conduct courses for various categories of rehabilitation professional; to develop promote, manufacture and distribute Aids and appliances; to conduct, sponsor coordinate and subsidies research in collaboration with other organization.
