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**Over 1 lakh persons with disabilities provided skill training during last year**

**50 Cities and 705 Railway stations are being made disabled friendly**

Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation Limited (ALIMCO), working under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, conducted a mega distribution camp for Aids and Assistive Devices, in Bareilly yesterday. 1578 beneficiaries were provided with state-of-the-art high-end technical devices, in an event presided over by Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, in the presence of Shri Santosh Kumar Ganwar, Minister of State of Textiles (Independent Charge), Member of Parliament, Bareilly.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot said that the Central Government has brought transparency to the ADIP Scheme and the massive response and success of the scheme has added to the popularity of this initiative by the Ministry. The Union Minister also informed the audience that 315 children with Hearing Impairment have been successfully provided with Cochlear Implants. He also added that the Government has launched the Accessible India Campaign/Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan as a step towards achieving Universal Accessibility. 50 Cities and 705 Railway stations in India are being covered under the Campaign.

Appreciating the efforts of the Department in successfully organizing this Camp at Bareilly, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar expressed his gratitude on behalf of his constituency. He added that this Camp will benefit many persons with disabilities (PwDs) and help them overcome odds that they currently face in their daily lives.

Shedding further light on the activities of DEPwD Secretary DEPwD, Dr Vinod Aggarwal informed the gathering that the Department was not only providing Assistive devices to PwDs but has also provided skill training to over 1 lakh PwDs in the past one year.

1578 beneficiaries were provided with free-of-cost equipment worth Rs 1.31 Crore. The beneficiaries were identified under a screening exercise carried out by ALIMCO's Baliya Unit with help from District Administration, Bareilly. The distributed high end devices included –

25 Motorised Tricycles  
1200 Tricycles  
96 Folding Wheel chairs  
15 C.P Chairs  
678 Crutches  
138 Walking Sticks  
16 Braille Cane  
360 Behind-the-ear Hearing Aid  
07 MSIED Kits

CMD ALIMCO, Shri D.R Sarin; was also present on the occasion.

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