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**Persons with Disabilities are Highly Talented and are Integral Part of Human
Resource: Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot**

Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot inaugurated a camp for free of cost distribution of Assistive Aids and Appliances under the ADIP scheme of Government of India held at Shri Mallikarjun Mansour Kalabhavan, Dharwad in Karnataka today. While addressing the gathering at a mega distribution camp Shri Gehlot said that persons with disabilities are highly talented and are integral part of human resource. Minister committed to develop a Sports Center for person with disability in Hubblili –Dharwad if adequate land is provided by state authority. Further he reminded that it is the social responsibility of one and all to support and encourage differently abled in order to create an appropriate environment to empower them and bring them in the main stream of the society. The Camp organized by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), Kanpur working under the aegis of Department of Empowerment of Person with Disability, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India in close association with District Administration, Dharwad.

Shri Pralhad Joshi, Member of Parliament, Dharwad applauded the efforts made by the ministry for conducting the camp in his constituency. He said that the camp not only benefited the needy but also created an awareness about various welfare schemes run by government for persons with disability. Shri Lov Verma, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment spoke about the achievements and informed everyone about the various welfare schemes implemented by the department for the Persons with disabilities.

A total of 1004 Persons with different kind of disabilities were provided 2502 numbers of aids and assistive devices manufactured and distributed by ALIMCO worth Rs. 1 Core 32 Thousand under the ADIP scheme in the camp. These beneficiaries were pre identified during the assessment camps conducted last year on 14th to 17th Nov, 2014. Modern contemporary Aids and Assistive devices were distributed in the camp which includes 05-Daisy Players, 05-Smart Canes & 05-Tablets for Visually Impaired 05-ADL Kits (includes cell phone) for persons affected

from Leprosy and Motorized Tricycle. Total 26 numbers of Motorized Tricycle distributed in the camp were provided to the identified beneficiaries affected from 80% or more than 80% of disability. Among various other assistive aids and devices provided in the camp were 129-Tricycles, 76-Wheelchairs, 190-Crutches (Axilla and L-bow), 54-Walking Stick, 30-Rollators for Orthopedically Impaired persons 61-Braille Cane(folding) & Braille Slate, 01-Cervical Collar, 842-Behind The Ear – Digital Hearing Aid machines and 108- MSIED Kit (Multi Sensory Inclusive Educational Kit) for Children with Special Needs. Also in the camp 115 beneficiaries were facilitated with 123 numbers of Prosthetics and Orthotics appliances.

Shri Arvind C. Bellad, MLA, Dharwad (West), Shri P. Rajendra Cholan, District Commissioner, Dharwad, Shri D R Sarin, CMD, ALIMCO, Local representative, dignitaries and senior officers from district administration and ALIMCO were present during the function.
