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**Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot reviews performance of institute concerning
welfare of disabled**

A meeting to review the performance of 7 National Institutes under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and 8 Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) under these National Institutes was chaired by Minister, SJ&E, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot in the presence of Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar and Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Shri Lov Verma here today.

The Minister while addressing the meeting stated that taking a cue from the Prime Minister's Digital India Programme, there is an urgent need to provide a Universal ID should be provided to every Person with Disability in the country and tie-ups should be encouraged with scientific institutions to help in the area of education, skill training and specialized services.

All the National Institutes under the Department for the first time achieved a target of providing rehabilitation services to more than 10 lakh beneficiaries. A decision was taken to provide modern services in collaboration with even international agencies so that in the rehabilitation centre, aids and assistive devices of superior technology are provided to persons with disabilities.

New buildings for CRCs are being started in the current year in Patna, Srinagar, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Kozhikode, Guwahati and Lucknow. PDUIPH, New Delhi has for the first time started kits for Leprosy Cured persons and NIMH, Secunderabad has started kits for Mentally Impaired children and students.

The Minister instructed that grading of National Institutes be carried out to set targets and assess their performance and it should be ensured that the grading should include extent of benefits of skill development and training of youth given.
