

NATIONAL HANDICAPPED FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is an apex corporation under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, MSJ&E, Govt. of India. The corporation is wholly owned by Govt of India. NHFDC functions as an Apex institution for channelising the funds to persons with disabilities through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the State Government(s). In NER, NHFDC has so far provided self employment opportunities to **3232** PwDs(Divyangjan) of **Rs26.24 Cr** and skill training to **1534** PwDs (Divyangjan) of **Rs1.79 Cr**.

NHFDC organized a Social Enterprise Opportunities Fair on 12th and 13th July 2019 for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) at Guwahati University Campus, Jalukbari, Guwahati, as per the following schedule:

12.7.2019: Loan and Skill Training Awareness for PwDs

13.7.2019: Job Fair exclusively for PwDs

In the aforesaid Fair 3 Banks participated to provide loan procedures to PwDs for self employment. 5 skill training partners were also present to register candidates for free of cost skill training programmes. The major attraction being the Job Fair where 18 companies participated and conducted interviews to select/shortlist interested PwDs (Divyangjan) for various regular Job. The list of the participating organizations are as under:

Self Employment Opportunities:

1. Punjab National Bank
2. Assam Gramin Vikas Bank
3. Assam Cooperative Apex Bank

Employment Opportunities:

1	Apollo Hospitals	10	SBI Life
2	Radisson Blu Hotel	11	Emami
3	Big Bazar	12	SRD Nutrients
4	Flipkart	13	Zomato
5	Shoppers Stop	14	Health City Hospital
6	Vishal Mega mart	15	Zantrik Technologies
7	Wipro	16	ITC
8	Zouq Restro Café	17	Ayush Sundra Hospitalr
9	Reliance Trend	18	Librasoft Technologies

Skill Training Opportunities:

1. National Career Services Centre for Differently Abled (NCSC-DA – VRCH), Guwahati
2. Shishu Sarothi, Guwahati
3. Sai Swayam Society, Delhi
4. Assam Skill Development Mission, Guwahati
5. ICICI Skill Academy, Guwahati

The program was successful with **314 PwDs turned up to take benefit** of the various opportunities **130 PwDs showed interest in the free skill trainings** and got them registered with various training institutions. The banks provided detailed information to **142 PwDs about the self employment concessional loans** under NHFDC scheme. The Secretary, Department of Empowerment of PwDs, Government of India, CMD NHFDC, Director, NHFDC, State Commissioner For PwDs from Assam as well as Meghalaya and other senior officials from Central and State Government visited during the two days.

The 18 companies together shortlisted PwDs for 148 Vacancies in various job roles like software development, Front Office, Sales & Marketing, Customer Care, Retail Sales Management, Hotel Management, Accountancy etc.

NHFDC wish all the success to the shortlisted PwDs in their new Career. The Corporation will work on the strategy to analyze the reasons of PwDs who could not be shortlisted so that the next time these PwDs will have better chance to get the Job with higher skill sets.

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