



Bachpan Day Care Centres

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government is set to expand its initiatives for children with special needs and [persons with disabilities](#) by opening **Bachpan Day Care Centres in 26 more districts**, alongside launching new schemes to improve accessibility, [education](#), rehabilitation, and training.

Key Points

- **About the Bachpan Day Care Centres:** They are specialized facilities established by the Uttar Pradesh government to provide early intervention, care, education, and social training to children with special needs.
 - These centres **aim to nurture the overall development of differently-abled children** by offering a supportive and inclusive environment from an early age.
 - Currently, **these centres operate in 25 districts**, covering all divisional headquarters and seven aspirational districts.
 - The **seven aspirational districts of UP**- Chitrakoot, Fatehpur, Bahraich, Shravasti, Balrampur, Siddharthnagar, and Chandauli.
- **Accessibility and Infrastructure Improvements:**
 - A new scheme has been proposed to ensure that **all stadiums and sports complexes are made fully accessible** to persons with disabilities.
 - Additionally, **infrastructure across the state will be upgraded to enhance accessibility** and comfort for individuals with disabilities, promoting inclusivity and equal participation in public spaces.
 - The step aims not only to promote their participation in sports **but also to reinforce the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'**.
- **Digital Transformation in Special Education:**
 - Introduction of an **E-Learning Management System portal** for special schools.
 - Enables real-time monitoring of academic activities and student talents.
 - Enhances educational quality and **fosters the holistic development** of children with special needs.
- **Rehabilitation and Support for the Intellectually Challenged:**
 - Plans to establish shelter homes-cum-training centres in every district.
 - These centres will provide a safe environment and [skill-based training](#).
 - Supported by government and private entities to encourage independent living.
- **Training and Support for Special Educators:**
 - Introduction of in-service refresher courses and **training programmes** for special educators.
 - Aim to keep teachers updated with modern pedagogical methods.
 - Helps educators better address the evolving needs of students with disabilities.

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Schemes Related to Children with Special Needs

- **Divyang Pension Yojana:** The state government's pension scheme provides monthly financial assistance to **disabled persons of 18 years or more**, helping improve their livelihood and standard of living. The **pension amount** is periodically increased to offer better support.
- **Deen Dayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS):** The scheme was launched in 1999 and was revised and renamed in 2003. It was previously known as the "**Scheme for Promoting Voluntary Action for the Disabled**".
 - **DDRS** is a Central Sector Scheme that provides financial assistance to voluntary organizations working for the education and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

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