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## Regional Conference on Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)

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Recently the Department of Empowerment of persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organised Regional Conference on “**Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)**” in Mumbai.

- It was the second of a series of Regional Conferences to be held across the country wherein Programme Implementing Agencies (PIAs) from the western region namely, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Goa participated.
- Since this scheme was **revised in 2018**, the Regional Conference was organized in order to **disseminate the provisions of the revised scheme and bring the Department closer to implementing agencies.**

### Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme

- DDRS is a **Central Sector Scheme** of Government of India which is being implemented **since 1999** for providing financial assistance to **NGOs working** for education and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.
- The objectives of the scheme are:
  - To create an **enabling environment** to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities.
  - To encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the **Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016.**
- NGOs are being **given assistance under DDRS** for providing a wide range of services to children/persons with disability, e.g.
  - programmes for pre-school and early intervention
  - special education,
  - vocational training and placement
  - community based rehabilitation
  - manpower development
  - psycho-social rehabilitation of persons with mental illness

- rehabilitation of leprosy-cured persons, etc.
- The "Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities" was **revised and was renamed** as the "Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) **from April 2003.**