

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

**Roadmap for the Implementation of the Incheon
Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with
Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific**

Year	National Action Plan	Action taken
2013 - 2014	1. Designate a national focal point entity to coordinate implementation of the Incheon Strategy.	Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is the nodal Department to coordinate implementation of Incheon Strategy.
	2. Translate the Incheon Strategy into the national language(s).	Is being translated.
	3. Convert the text of the Incheon Strategy into accessible formats.	Efforts are being taken to place the text of Incheon Strategy in accessible format on the website of the Department. Moreover it may further be noted that India is a signatory to UNCRPD which is already in the public domain.
	4. Disseminate the Incheon Strategy in the public domain.	
	5. Enhance awareness of the Incheon Strategy across ministries.	The copy of the Incheon strategy has been circulated to all concerned Central Ministries / Departments as well as all the State Governments and UT Administrations. Further a meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DA was held on 16 th April, 2014 involving all concerned Ministries / Department to review the progress on implementation of Incheon Strategy. The Ministries/Department have been requested to nominate nodal officers from each sector to take forward the measures envisages in Incheon Strategy

		to achieve its goals.
	6. Demonstrate high-level commitment to implementation of the Incheon Strategy through issuance of government directives at a high political level.	Implementation of Incheon Strategy would require supporting enabling framework. Accordingly the Government has already introduced the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2014 which comprehensively
		deals with every aspect of Incheon Strategy requiring legal backing. The Bill provides for specific accessibility norms in the built environment, transportation, communication and knowledge, enforcement thereof, equal participation, economic empowerment etc. Placing the Bill before the Parliament shows the political commitment at the highest level.
	7. Hold a national event to launch the Incheon Strategy.	A national workshop is being held
	8. Initiate or continue the national Make the Right Real campaign to promote ratification / implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Implementation of the obligations under UNCRPD has already been taken up. After enactment of new legislation the provisions of the Act will be brought into force through various schemes / programmes wherever necessary. However, it may be noted that the Government has already taken steps to achieve the targets envisaged in the Incheon Strategy. Specific measures include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Finalisation of proposal to set up of National Institute of Universal and Inclusive Design. ii. Finalisation of proposal to set up of Indian Sign Language Research and

		<p>Training Centre.</p> <p>iii. Supporting PwDs by way of providing contemporary Aids and Appliances for Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>iv. Telecast of National Events with sign language interpretation.</p> <p>v. Application of accessibility standards in New built in environment.</p> <p>vi. Supporting the States/State run institutes/agencies for retrofitment of accessibility features.</p> <p>vii. Organised unique nationwide cultural festival "SAMARTH (Ability) - Celebrating Disability" in January, 2014 for Persons with Disabilities.</p>
	<p>9. Include issues concerning women and girls with disabilities in the national response to the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the regional outcome document.</p>	<p>As per Census 2011, there are 26.8 million persons with disabilities constituting 2.21% of the total population out of which 11.8 million PwD are women.</p> <p>The Government of India has adopted both enabling and legislative and policy framework for advancement of women and undertaken awareness generation and sensitization programmes. India has made impressive gains in meeting many MDG targets. The annual Indian budget contains a gender budget statement. Gender is a running theme and requirement in all development plans. Today 1.5 million elected women representatives in local bodies are taking decisions on</p>

		education, health, community development, local infrastructure etc., bridging the gender divide in decision-making at the socio-economic level.
	10. Engage Champions and Promoters in action to promote the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, as appropriate	Every year the Government gives National Award to Persons with Disabilities, associations, organizations involved in promoting the cause of Persons with Disabilities etc. on the day coinciding with the World Disability Day. Once the Incheon Strategy is formally launched, pioneers amongst persons with Disabilities will be engaged to take forward the cause of Incheon Strategy.

Sub-regional Action		
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2013-14	1. Promote sub-regional cooperation in supporting implementation of the Incheon Strategy.	The proposal to develop sub-regional action plan envisaging mechanism for mutual cooperation within the SAARC region will be taken up as an agenda by the Indian side in the next SAARC summit.
	2. Include in the meeting agendas and programmes of the respective sub-regional intergovernmental bodies specific measures to support implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, ² and the Incheon Strategy.	