

National Institute of Mentally Handicapped



National Institute of Mentally Handicapped is an autonomous organization functioning under the aegis of [Indian Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment](#) with the primary objective of empowering [mentally handicapped](#) people. NIEPID- "National Institute for the Empowerment of Person with Intellectual Disability" is formerly known as NIMH.

History

Based in [Secunderabad](#) in [Hyderabad](#), the organization was registered in 1984 and began offering its services since 1985^[1] In 2009, the organization celebrated its 25 years of inception.^[2]

Activities

The organization aims to work in the direction of human resources development, perform research and development, development of models of care and rehabilitation, prepare documentation and dissemination, offer consultancy services to voluntary organizations, conduct community-based rehabilitation and organize extension and outreach programs. The organization is [ISO 9001:2000](#) certified.^[1]

The organization conducts various activities in order to achieve its objectives. In 2004, the organization collaborated with [United States](#)-based [National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research](#) for a workshop on [autism](#).^[3] During the same time of year, the organization began offering a master's degree program in disability rehabilitation — said to be one of its kind.^[4] The organization has also carried out initiatives against discrimination of people with disabilities.^[5] The institute has trained 35,000 parents since its inception by organising group parent training programs based on child characteristics and parent demographic features.^[6] In 2011, [Lady Gaga](#) visited the organization and discussed ideas to support disabled children.^[7]

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