

## Happy New Year 2018!

### Patang Project Book Launched!

The results of the much awaited Patang Survey are out! The Patang Project book was launched on 27 October 2017 by Ms. Stuti Kakkar, Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The rigorous study which covers the state of Delhi, provides a dismal peephole into the situation of persons with intellectual and developmental challenges – more than 60% PwCs do not have disability certificate, 40% CwCs between the age of 6-18 are out of school and nearly 70% respondent do not access services due to financial constraints are among some of the findings. The book captures the narratives of caregivers on stigmatization and the resilience strategies that they adopt to deal with the situation. To know more about the findings, you can now purchase a copy from [www.amazon.in](http://www.amazon.in) or by reaching out to us at [team@amritindia.in](mailto:team@amritindia.in)

You will be happy to know that we are diversifying *Swechcha* - Services Bank to meet the requirements of PwCs. In this process, we are empanelling Employers who believe in the mission of Inclusive India and are willing to employ PwCs. We are also rolling out #weallfitin Sensitisation Workshops for Progressive Corporates to sensitize Employers to what a diverse workforce could bring to their organisations, and the obligations and provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. If you are an enlightened Employer or know one, do get empanelled with us.

This issue of Amrit's e-newsletter focusses on Cerebral Palsy. We hope you enjoy reading it. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

## News & Events

- Rajasthan has become the second state after Madhya Pradesh to generate Unique Disability Identity Cards (UDID), also called as Swavlamban Cards for the specially abled population of the country. It records the disability, health record, financial status and link to welfare schemes. These cards ensure direct transfers of scholarship, employment, and marriage allowance in the bank accounts of 'Divyangs'. It is the only document of identification, verification of the disabled for availing all the benefits.

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- The Supreme Court has fixed a timeline for the Centre to make Public Spaces fully accessible to PwCs. It has asked the Government to first ensure the accessibility of government buildings and educational institutions so as to bring PwCs into the mainstream.
- Ms Malini Chib, an author and disability right activists was honoured with the first global Cerebral Palsy Day Award for ensuring rights and entitlements of persons with disability on the World Cerebral Palsy Day. Ms. Chib is an author of 'One Little Fingure' and the movie 'Margarita with a Straw' is based on her life
- On the World Disability Day, President Ram Nath Kovind awarded Rohit Jain from Jaipur the most efficient employee/ self employed employee in the category of cerebral palsy. Mr. Jain, who is a computer engineer and MBA, is working as a senior research analyst in Deutsche Bank.



**“Everyone has something rare and powerful to offer our society.”**

-Aimee Mullins,  
A record breaker at the  
1996 Paralympic games




## Thought Provoking Facts

### Potential Risk Factors

- Risk of having baby with Cerebral Palsy is higher for teenage mothers and for mothers after the age of 35 years.
- Premature babies are more likely to have bleeding brain or brain injury called periventricular leukomalacia (PVL) causing Cerebral Palsy.
- Difficult and prolonged pregnancy may lead to brain infection or physical trauma increasing the risk of Cerebral Palsy.
- Placenta abruptio also increases the chances of having baby with Cerebral Palsy. The baby loses the blood and oxygen supply from the mother as the placenta separates from the wall of the uterus before the baby is born.
- Infections of the mother’s utreus such as Strep infection can also lead to Cerebral Palsy.

**“Keep your face always towards the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you.”**



-Walt Whitman,  
American poet

### Upcoming Research

A study published in the International Journal of Epidemiology found that babies were at double the risk of getting affected with Cerebral Palsy if their mother consumed aspirin during pregnancy. The findings also showed that babies exposed to paracetamol were 30 per cent more likely to have global cerebral palsy and 50 per cent more likely to have it on one side. Taking painkillers during the middle stage of pregnancy was seen as one of the biggest dangers, as it is a crucial time for brain development.

Dear Readers,

We invite you to spread the word of inclusion in schools, colleges and offices through our #weallfitin campaigns to build a more inclusive society.

Many good wishes of the festive Season to you and yours. May God grant health and peace in abundance and joys unlimited.

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Executive Director

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