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Cross-Sectional Study of Knowledge and Awareness about Government Scheme, Job-Vacancies, Education for Differently Abled Children among Public

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Introduction:About 15% of World's population lives with disability; in India as per census 2011- out of 121 Cr population, 2.68 Cr persons are disabled -2.21% of total population. Central and State Government are offering various National Trust and Education scheme along with unique disability identity card/ certificate for their welfare.

Objective:To evaluate the knowledge of awareness on Indian-legislation, Government scheme's & Job vacancies for differently abled children among public.

Methods/Study Design: Cross sectional study, Convenient sampling method were used among 75 respondents from various special-schools ; clinical-setups in and around North-Chennai which was categorized into education, socioeconomic status, nature of disability , possession of disability certificate , awareness on Government and National trust scheme, job opportunities for differently abled children.

Result: The results showed that out of 75 respondents, 25% -Males, 75% - Females between age group of 20-50 years, among which 81 % were aware of Government and National trust scheme for disabled children; 69% were not aware. Only 17% of people were aware of Government jobs and 83% were not aware.Among the special group of 27 people, we observed possession of disability certificate only for 18 (67%) and 9(33%) were not.

Conclusion: There is need to promote public awareness by Government, NGO'S, volunteer agents to provide optimum benefits for disabled. Social media / technology can be better tool for creating awareness among public. Conducting camps/ meetings by Government can be initiated at level of rural & urban for betterment of life of disabled.

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